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## 'Be Prepared' – for camp!

Barry District Cubs and Beavers' tent bonanza



Barry District Cubs and Beavers' group, who meet in Rhoose, received a special donation from Aberthaw Power Station recently. The group were able to buy six tents that they can use on their camping trips. Cub Leader Susan Evans told The GEM: "We were really pleased we were able to buy so many!"

## CONSORTIUM PROVIDES AN £8 MILLION BOOST FOR BARRY

AN £8 million investment in the infrastructure of Barry will take place over the next few years, as a result of the Waterfront consortium's development of the area.

The Waterfront scheme aims to deliver 2,000 new homes, a district featuring cafes and restaurants, a new supermarket, and a £5million road linking the town and Barry Island.

The consortium estimates the project will cost

in the range of £230 million, but part of its agreement with the Vale Council will involve investing a further £8 million in local road improvements, a new primary school, further transport measures, and improvements to community facilities, including water sports and public open spaces.

Preparatory work will begin on the Waterfront scheme in a few days.

The consortium told The GEM that investigative works have already been

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

taking place at West Pond, and are expected to continue for the next two weeks.

House building is set to start next spring and depending on market conditions will go on for a decade. The consortium comprises Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd., Persimmon Homes and BDW Trading and its spokesman, Richard Keogh, said: "This marks a

huge step in bringing this important regeneration project to life. Ever since the scheme was granted full planning approval in March, we were keen to begin work on the development as quickly as possible.

"I'm pleased to say that everything is progressing on time, and we should have a sales centre open in around 12 months' time.

"With investigative works now under way, the wheels are very much in motion to begin work in earnest on site.

"But it does mean the site is now a full-blown construction area with dangerous machinery in operation, and we urge the local community to respect the health and safety measures we have put in place.

"Although we previously secured the site, we're still finding that some members of the public are choosing to ignore the deterrents."

Mr Keogh added: "Eventually, there will be full access across the site via public realm, but we would ask pedestrians, in the meantime, to use the Clive Road steps to cross from the town to the Island, as this is a safe public access route."

The development has been dubbed The Quays and marks the final phase in the large-scale regeneration of the Waterfront.

Mr Keogh said that the development would provide excellent facilities, create jobs and give Barry an economic boost.

Up to 300 affordable homes will also be built as part of the scheme.

## The 'Americans' are coming – and you can see them this weekend!

THIS weekend sees a unique 'living history' event in Barry – one that commemorates the 70th anniversary of American troops arriving in the area in preparation for D-Day.

Tomorrow, Friday, June 15, a plaque dedicated to those men will be unveiled in King Square at 11am.

Many of the Americans who arrived in the area 70 years ago never saw their homes again, sacrificing their lives in the liberation of Europe.

Among the people bringing history to life will be re-enactors and local school children.

So what can people expect this Saturday (10am-5pm) and this Sunday (10am to 4pm)?

There will be an Allied encampment at Hood Road, with Barry Island railway station transformed into a civilian home front living history area.

Barry Island Station will be transformed into a 1940s station with wartime police and the Home Guard.

There will be a number of educational living history displays and children from Barry and Penarth primary schools will play the role of wartime evacuees.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for families to glimpse into our



ABOVE:

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## 'BEWARE OF BOY RACERS!'

**T**O all the good folk of Eglwys Brewis, please keep a sharp eye out for boy racers who are on the estate.

Take their registration numbers and report them to the police – you don't have to say your name.

They have no consideration for anyone; it's an accident waiting to

happen, and there are so many small children on our estate.

It used to be such a lovely estate – but not any more – with music blasting from cars and houses.

If you do see and hear racers, report it before something serious happens.

(Name and address supplied)

## 'No sign of the yellow cloud'

**T**HANK you for keeping us informed about the goings on at Aberthaw power station.

I must admit, I haven't seen the yellow cloud for a while.

It just goes to show, a few complaints, and Aberthaw Power Station (can) control the pollutants coming from the plant.

They did not have any drop-in sessions here at Barry to discuss with us, the public, their new plans.

We pay community tax here just like Rhosee and Cowbridge, etc.

Can I also ask the public to keep their eyes open and report any sightings of yellow cloud passing over the Waterfront of Barry? P Calunniato, Barry

## QUESTION: How many nuclear plants?

**I**DO not know the landmass of Japan in comparison with the UK, so when I hear calls for more nuclear power stations in this country, I wonder just how many will be required?

There have been reports that after the disaster at the Fukushima plant, Japan had closed down 55 plants – and those had only been responsible for one third of Japanese requirements!

I saw on TV recently that ground is being prepared for the next Hinkley Point power station. Mrs DE Coombes Herridge, Barry.

## Sully WI says 'Thank you, Roy'

**S**ULLY WI would like to say a big thank you to Roy Noble, members and visitors, for their support at a fundraising evening held in the Old Schoo at Sully on Wednesday, May 16.

The aim of the evening was to raise funds for Paralympics' table tennis player Sara Head. Roy entertained

us with stories about his early life and career, which he has recorded in his latest book.

After much laughter and a great round of applause, Roy joined us as we enjoyed a ploughman's supper.

A sell-out crowd had a fantastic evening and raised £900, which will be presented to Sara Head at Sully WI's own Indoor Olympics on June 20 at the Old School.

Anne Rees president, Sully WI

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## LDP must be fair to the whole Vale!

**T**HE announcement by the new Vale Council, that the Conservative Local Development Plan for 2011-26 is to be fundamentally reviewed, is very welcome news for various communities across the Vale facing a disproportionate increase in house building.

It is not just a number of Vale coastal settlements that faced massive and unwieldy expansion, but also several villages in the rural Vale.

One such community is Ystradowen, which under the old LDP, was allocated 95 houses – a nearly 50 per cent increase.

Like other villages on arterial roads, Ystradowen has to play its part in meet-

ing the Welsh Government's demand that 10,000 new houses are built in the Vale by 2026.

However, the new Vale Council should give our village a fair deal in its new LDP.

Ystradowen residents are entitled to expect the new Labour/Llantwit First Council to recognise that the principle of proportionate development must be in the new LDP and apply to all Vale communities – regardless of whether they are on the urbanised coastal belt, or in the rural inland areas.

T J O'Carroll, Ystradowen.

## Landlord saved the Jubilee party

**R**ESIDENTS of East Aberthaw would like to say a very big 'thank you', as their Jubilee party plans would have been totally spoilt, if it had not been for the generous action of Mr Jeremy Coleman – landlord of the Blue Anchor Inn, East Aberthaw.

He closed the restaurant for the whole day to allow the villagers to transform it into a 1950s-style street party celebra-

tion. The village social committee had planned to hold a Jubilee 'Party in the Park' and were grateful to have received the donation of a 'Union Jack Gazebo' from Aberthaw Power Station and the loan of tables and chairs from Lafarge Cement – Aberthaw Works.

However, as elsewhere in the country, street party celebrations were threatened to be potential 'wash-outs', as heavy rain had been forecast.

A truly memorable occasion was experienced by all who attended; the 1950s community

spirit was revived as residents (whose ages ranged from four months to 90 years) gathered together to enjoy the Jubilee celebrations.

Background music, which included old favourites from Glen Miller and Vera Lynn, set the atmosphere.

Each family brought with them homemade delights to share, and Mr Coleman provided traditional 'Pims' cocktails. East Aberthaw Social Committee.

## 'Does anyone have photo of my Dad?'

**I**AM hoping someone in Cowbridge may be able to help me – I am trying to find old school photos from Cowbridge primary school from 1929 to about 1939.

I am trying to find my dad, Frederick Oakley, on any old school photos as I have always wanted to see a picture of him as a child, but he never had any. The first pictures I have of him was as a young man in the Second World War.

He started school on April 29, 1929 in form 3 of the infants, and went to the juniors in 1932, I'm not sure when he left school after that.

If anyone has any old photos I would love to see them, or if anyone has any ideas as to where any might be found, I would really appreciate it.

Roger Parfitt, Cowbridge.

## 'AHOY, SHIPMATES!'

**C**ommissioned in January 1940, when things were getting tough during World War Two, Hitler claimed to have sunk it four times over the next few years.

However, HMS Collingwood is a massive shore training establishment, and still going strong. Many of our readers are among the thousands of people who served there at some time or other – electricians, seamen, cooks,

Wrens, writers, stewards, radio and radar mechanics, stores branch, etc.

Who did they serve with and would you like to meet up with them again? Would you like to visit today's HMS Collingwood?

There is now an association standing by to reunite you with old shipmates, as hundreds of others have found out. Mike Crowe, Heath Road, Sandown, PO36 8PG, or mike.crowe1@btinternet.com

## 'Can I have Union Jack brolly back?'

**I**AM sure that many Cowbridge people will join me in thanking Debbie Leigh and volunteers, together with ladies from Holy Cross Church and the staff of the Duke of Wellington public house, for organising the great party to celebrate the Jubilee.

It was enjoyed by all of us there.

However, my enjoyment was somewhat dimmed as I left Holy Cross, to find that my spanking new Union

Jack umbrella, bought specially for the occasion, and matching my red, white and blue outfit, had been stolen from the porch of the church.

What makes someone feel free to help him/herself to another's property?

I hope that my umbrella will be returned to the church during this week, and that it was only 'borrowed'.

If the person really wanted a similar brolly – they were on sale at Tenovus! (Name and address supplied)

## Park says 'thank you'

**B**ELVEDERE Park would like to say a 'Big Thank You' to two members of the Castaways Club, Mrs Peggy Wright and Mrs Mary Newton, for their kind donations to The Belvedere Park Project.

It was a very welcome surprise and very much appreciated. The money will be put towards buying benches for our beloved park.

Jean Jones, Barry (Belvedere Park Project Co-ordinator)

## 'Put that beach plinth to good use'

**I**MAKE reference, if I dare, to the Llantwit Major beach plinth – how about making the best out of a bad job?

We know the Llantwit First Independent Party (the new town council) are going to stop any car parking charges at the beach.

As a taxpayer, I would suggest that we capitalise on its presence and turn it into a tourist information board – one side displaying the coastal paths, the other side displaying a map of the town and local eater-

ies? (Maybe the chamber of commerce may wish to add to it).

Perhaps this would remind campers who turn up complete with their Tesco carrier bags, full of food and beer, that Llantwit Major town has retail outlets and food shops.

Currently, the only thing we get out of the campers is the rates bill for clearing up their mess.

Two weeks ago, I walked to the beach and there were five fires going, two unattended, and three with people socialising. Joanna Rogers, Llantwit Major.

## 'NO FLAGS, THANK YOU!'

**I**N contrast to the sentiments expressed by Mr Carstairs (GEM letters, last week) I want to extend my unreserved admiration and thanks to the Vale Council for not flying flags on public buildings for the Jubilee.

The Vale Council was quite right in refraining from offending half or more of the population who consider the institu-

tion of monarchy undemocratic, archaic and at least symbolically, if not actually, perpetuating the bygone days of masters and serfs.

The office of head of state should be open for election to all citizens, and not reserved for accident of birth within a single privileged family.

It would appear that last month's council election might have given us a well-balanced set of councillors! Marc Delaney, Barry.

## New rules for housing benefit

**F**ROM 2013, housing benefit changes mean disruption for many Vale residents.

For example, a couple with two children aged nine and six living in a three-bed house will have their benefit reduced, and told the rent will only be paid for a two-bed house; children must share a bedroom.

If the couple cannot afford the shortfall, they move to a two-bed

house, maybe changing schools.

In 2014, the oldest child child is now 10, his sister seven. Now they are entitled to a three-bed house, because the boy cannot share a room with his sister past 10 years. The family must move again, including schools.

Does this make any sense?

Come on, Mr Cairns, talk to your Minister, before half of the Vale is on the move.

David Johnson, Barry.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur	02.59	7.8	15.33	7.7
15 Fri	04.01	7.9	16.33	8.0
16 Sat	04.59	8.1	17.24	8.3
17 Sun	05.41	8.4	18.06	8.6
18 Mon	06.29	8.6	18.47	8.8
19 Tues	07.07	8.9	19.25	9.1
20 Wed	07.43	9.1	20.01	9.3
21 Thur	08.21	9.1	20.36	9.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.



# Megan: 'I was there' at Jubilee pageant!

**CADET WARRANT OFFICER Megan Hamblin (19) of 372 (Barry) Squadron of the Air Cadets can look back and say - "I was there" - after taking part in the Thames Diamond Jubilee sailing pageant in London, sailing on the Challenge Wales yacht alongside 1,000 other boats and sailing vessels.**

Portsmouth Harbour to St Catherine's Dock in London on the Challenge Wales 72-foot round-the-world yacht, which is also the largest sail training vessel in Wales.

Megan's nine-day sailing trip started on May 26, when she met the crew and other young people for the first time.

There was a brief opportunity to get to know each other before

up the Thames. However, all the theory work was completed so that they could achieve their Competent Crew certificates, and they learnt how to store the sails properly when they aren't needed during long docking periods.

Megan explained: "Challenge Wales was docked in London until after the Jubilee. Whilst docked there, we showed the public around the yacht and explained to them about our journey to London."

"It has been a brilliant couple of days. I have learnt so much more than I realised as I proved when I did the tours for the public."

"It has been a fantastic voyage, and I can proudly say 'I was there' at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in London."

Megan also thanked the Barry Youth Council and Royal Air Forces Association for their bur-saries which made the trip a reality.

"If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm-9.30pm, behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall)."

Contact the Squadron on 01446 74734 or email: oc.372@air-cadets.org for more information.

The first morning was an early start as the skipper, Andy Hall, wanted everyone up, fed and on their way out of the harbour by 8am.

Megan reported: "The first day we sailed from Portsmouth to Eastbourne, approximately 80 miles."

The eight novices, including Megan, learnt how to hoist the main sail; the Yankee, and the Stay sail, as well as how to tack due to the wind coming in from the bow.

On day two, they sailed from Eastbourne to Ramsgate, but due to a lack of wind, they didn't get to sail much. They did, though, get learn about knot tying, and everyone got to man the helm and steer the yacht for a set amount of time.

On the third day, with the wind favourable, it was an opportune time for everyone to practice the points of sailing and man overboard drills, using a buoy rather than a human.

The crew also got the spinnaker out, which is a large sail that can be put on the front of the yacht when the wind is at the stern and makes the yacht go ahead smoothly and quickly.

"The final day of sailing, May 30, was frustrating, as unfortunately there was little wind, so we had to motor our way

# Local man ordered to pay a total of £30,000 for selling counterfeit designer clothing

**A BARRY man has been ordered to pay nearly £30,000, following the first Proceeds of Crime Act application by the Vale Council's Trading Standards team.**

Matthew Knight, of Tan y Fron, Barry, pleaded guilty at Cardiff Crown Court to 16 breaches of the Trade Marks Act 1994.

Two further charges of running a fraudulent business were dropped.

Knight admitted using two eBay accounts to sell counterfeit Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister and Ruehl clothing to unsuspecting members of the public.

Following a test purchase from his eBay account, officers from Trading Standards and Scambusters executed a warrant at his home address and seized computer equipment, documentation, and over 80 items of counterfeit clothing.

Knight made no checks on the goods to ensure their authenticity and the Crown Court judge stated in his sentencing that this case "should be a stark lesson to anyone to make appropriate checks on the merchandise you sell".

Vale Council Leader and cabinet member for Trading Standards, Neil

Moore, said: "We will not stand by and let innocent people get ripped off by sellers advertising fake goods which consumers think are real. Selling these goods is illegal."

Principal trading standards officer Christina Roberts-Kinsey added: "We want to support genuine traders and protect customers."

Barry PACT meetings

**BARC PACT:** June 14, Barry Island Community Hall, Friars Road, at 6.45pm.  
**GIBBONSDOWN PACT:** June 20 at the Gibbonsdown Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise, at 10.30am.  
**CASTLELAND PACT:** June 25, Bendricks Café, Wimbourne Road, at 7pm.

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Chiken / Lamb Tikka £2.80	Tender pieces of chicken or lamb grilled in the clay oven and cooked with fresh mushrooms, fried onions and fried capsicums with fresh spices in a thick sauce. Highly recommended.	<b>Morris Pora (n)</b> £6.10	<b>Pulao Rice</b> (Saffron Scented Rice) £1.90
Sheek Kebab £2.70	<b>Shorsha Raja Chingri (n) £8.25</b>	Chicken or lamb cooked in a rich thick sauce with special ground spices and topped with dry red chillies.	<b>Balti Rice</b> (Garlic, Chilli & Onion) £2.60
Mixed Grill £2.25	King prawns cooked Bengali style in a fairly hot sauce with mustard sauce, ginger, garlic and green chillies.	<b>Kochi Tikka</b> £6.25	<b>Peshwari Pulao</b> (Coconut) £2.70
Traditional glazed marinated chicken, lamb chops and sheek kebab.	<b>Masala-E-Bahar (n) £6.50</b>	Marinated chicken or lamb tikka cooked with fresh spices in a bhuna sauce topped with deep fried onions.	<b>Saag Pulao</b> (Spinach) £2.35
<b>Mughal Lamb Chops</b> £3.10	Chicken tikka, lamb tikka and sheek kebab cooked in a specially bhuna Masala sauce.	<b>Shakoti Murg / Gosht (n) £5.95</b>	<b>Lemon Pulao</b> £2.35
Lamb chops on the bone, marinated with yoghurt and Royal's special spices, including garlic, ginger and chili.	<b>Borkezi Tikka (n) £6.25</b>	Chicken or lamb cooked slightly hot in a coconut and almond sauce.	<b>Garlic Pulao</b> (Fresh Garlic) £2.35
<b>Tikka Roll</b> £2.75	Grilled chicken tikka cooked with coriander powder in a special slightly hot sauce.	<b>Shahi Honey Korma (n) £5.95</b>	<b>Mughal Pulao</b> (Chicken & Garlic) £2.85
Pastry filled with chicken tikka, onions and spices, deep fried.	<b>Garlic Chilli Kholapuri (n) £6.10</b>	Chicken or lamb cooked in a very mild almond and coconut sauce with honey.	<b>Keema Pulao</b> (Minced Lamb) £2.35
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<b>Garlic Chilli Chat</b> £2.95	<b>Shahi Chasni</b> £5.95	Chicken or lamb cooked with our chef's special spices in a slightly hot sauce, topped with jalapeno peppers.	<b>Special Pulao</b> (Egg & Peas) £2.35
<b>Shahi Kebab</b> £2.95	Chicken or lamb cooked in a delicate sweet and sour sauce with a touch of fresh herbs and spices.	<b>Peri Peri Tikka</b> £6.25	
<b>Tikka Chat</b> £2.90	<b>Sali Murg Tikka (n) £6.10</b>	Marinated chicken or lamb tikka cooked with green bell peppers, fresh green chillies and garlic in a slightly hot sauce.	
<b>Chingri Jhingra</b> £4.25	Traditional style marinated chicken cooked with garlic, ginger, tomato, coriander in a special sauce, topped with fried potato straws.	<b>Hash Jalfrez (Duck)</b> £7.50	
<b>Spicy Chicken Bites</b> £3.25	<b>Millennium Tikka (n) £6.25</b>	Marinated duck stir fried with onions, peppers, tomatoes, green chillies and stirred in a light tomato gravy.	
Chicken marinated in spicy batter then deep fried. Served with sweet and spicy dip.	Marinated chicken or lamb cooked with sliced ginger, whole garlic, sliced green chilli in a thick medium to hot sauce.	<b>Hash Karahi</b> £7.50	
<b>Chingri Pori</b> £2.80	<b>Kadhali Gosht</b> £6.25	Marinated duck cooked with garlic, ginger, peppers and coriander. Served with a richly spiced sauce and with a hint of our chef's unique ground spices.	
<b>Paneer Tikka (v)</b> £2.80	Tender lamb cooked with fresh ground cumin, chilli and coriander.	<b>Chicken / Lamb pathille</b> £6.10	
Indian soft cheese marinated then grilled in a clay oven. Served with onions and peppers.		Chicken or lamb prepared with our very special herbs and spices. Ground with coriander, mint, garlic and yoghurt.	
<b>Chingri Pori</b> £2.95		<b>Garlic Chiken Tikka Masala</b> £6.10	
Fresh water prawns cooked with spices and wrapped in a thin crust paratha.		Chicken marinated in garlic and spices, then mixed in a creamy sauce.	
<b>Royal Platter (for 2)</b> £5.95		<b>Samba Murg / Gosht</b> £5.75	
All time classic of onion bhaj, samosa's, murg pakora and sheek kebab.		Chicken or lamb cooked with fresh vegetables in a medium sauce.	
<b>Pastry Platter (for 2) (new)</b> £5.50			
All time favourites of tikka rolls, chicken samosas, meat samosas, served with sweet and spicy dip.			
<b>ROYAL FAVOURITES</b>			
<b>Chicken / Lamb Rezala (n)</b> £6.50			
Tender chicken or lamb cooked with chef's own ground spices, mixed with garlic, chili sauce and rose water.			
<b>Naga Jaipuri (n)</b> £6.10			
Tender chicken or lamb slow cooked with freshly ground spices in a jagpur style with fresh naga chili.			
<b>Tropical Balti</b> £6.50			
Chicken, lamb and prawns cooked with spinach.			
<b>Garlic Chilli Chicken (n)</b> £5.95			
Chicken tikka cooked with fresh garlic and chili sauce with caramelized onions.			
<b>Maharaja Bhuna</b> £5.95			
Grilled chicken with mince lamb cooked with onions, bell peppers and fresh herbs.			
<b>Supreme Mango Chicken (n)</b> £6.10			
Chicken cooked in a very mild almond and coconut creamy sauce with mango and a hint of spice. Topped with cream and sesame seeds. Dish for the mild curry lover!			
<b>Laal Maas (n)</b> £6.10			
Slow cooked lamb in a red and red chili sauce.			
<b>Chicken Tikka Masala (n)</b> £5.95			
Chicken / Lamb Jalfrezi (n) £5.95			
Chicken / Lamb Pasanda (n) £5.95			
Chicken / Lamb Makhani (n) £5.95			

**CLAY OVEN GRILLS**  
Served with Fresh Salad and Mint Sauce  
**Hason Raja King Prawn (new)** £8.50  
King prawns marinated with mustard sauce, grilled in a clay oven then stir-fried with green peppers, onions and green chili. Served with a bhuna sauce.  
**Tandoori (Lamb Tikka)** £5.75  
**Garlic Murg Tikka** £5.95  
**Chicken / Lamb Shashlik** £6.85  
**Mughal Lamb Chops** £6.50

**MUGHAL DISHES**  
**Mughlai Murg / Gosht** £5.95  
Chicken/lamb cooked in a thick medium sauce with chef's unique ground spices.  
**Mughlai Garlic Chilli (n)** £6.25  
Chicken tikka cooked with fresh garlic and chili with caramelized onions with a hint of our chef's ground spices.  
**Mughlai Nizami** £6.50  
Chicken tikka cooked with spinach, chick peas, potato and garlic with a hint of our chef's unique ground spices.  
**Mughlai Karahi** £6.25  
Chicken tikka marinated in garlic, ginger and coriander. Cooked in a richly spiced sauce with a hint of our chef's unique ground spices.

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Lamb	£5.30	£5.30	£5.30	£5.30	£5.30	£5.30	£5.30	£5.30	£5.30	£5.30
Prawn	£5.40	£5.40	£5.40	£5.40	£5.40	£5.40	£5.40	£5.40	£5.40	£5.40
Chicken / Lamb Tikka	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80
Vegetable	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95
King Prawn	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50
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# JUBILEE SCHOOL FAYRE A SUCCESS, DESPITE THE INCLEMENT WEATHER

**PARENTS and Friends Association at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School hosted a fantastic Jubilee school fayre recently and the event was an astounding success, despite the damp and chilly weather.**

The year-6 pupils designed and ran their own stalls with their usual entrepreneurial flair and there were lots of other stalls and attractions.

The hot snacks stall did a roaring trade and there were presentations from the Barry Lifeboats and the Community Police.

The school's gardening club were selling their produce and former pupil, Christian Bullen, had everyone warming up with his Zumba class.

The All Saints Dancers demonstrated the routine they performed at the Memorial Hall's Schools' Dance Festival and there were other sporting attractions. Headteacher Richard Ware and the staff were pleased with the success of the event.

Mr Ware, who himself braved the ordeal of the stocks and the wet sponge throwing, thanked everyone for supporting this enjoyable addition to the school's Jubilee celebration.

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## Catathon 2012

Guinness World Record attempt  
30 June, Bridgend Town Centre

Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre is holding a world record attempt for the largest gathering of people dressed as cats. The current record stands at 800 people so we are looking to smash this.

For more information and costume guidelines:  
 E [bridgend@cats.org.uk](mailto:bridgend@cats.org.uk)  
 W [www.bridgend.cats.org.uk](http://www.bridgend.cats.org.uk)  
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Reg. Charity, 201064 (England and Wales) and 1020771 (Scotland)



Thank you

Catathon sponsored by Shepherds



## Summer Solstice walk

A WALK in aid of All Saints Church Barry's organ appeal is being organised on June 20 by the Walking Club of All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry at 7pm.

The route will follow along Park Road, Barry Castle ruins, Bullcliffe, Porthkerry, the Roman ruins at the Knap, Romilly Park and back.

Donations to the All Saints' Church Organ Appeal. Contact Diane Baker on 01446 404474.



## LEE ROAD CELEBRATES!



Children had their faces painted to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

**RESIDENTS** of Lee Road in Barry celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in style with a street party on Monday.

Once the road was officially closed the residents set up the tables and chairs, put up the flags and bunting and had a fun party with lots of food and drink and face painting.

This was all thanks to the organisers, Lynnette Spragg and Mel Cook, who worked hard throughout the year to organise the street party. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it is hoped that similar events will be held again in future.

Local councillor Richard Bertin, who dropped in on the party, said: "It was really great to see a street come out and party together. It was a fantastic day and I would like to thank Lynnette, Mel and all the residents for putting on a great show."

## Barry RNLI save man in 'serious danger'

**THE** volunteer crew of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Barry Dock lifeboat has been very busy in recent weeks.

On May 24, the RNLI Barry Dock lifeboat was launched at 8pm to a broken-down fishing boat just off Penarth, which was brought back to the Barry harbour with two people on board.

The following day, May 25, the lifeboat was launched to rescue two people who had been in an inflatable and which had drifted away from Barry in the direction of Porthkerry.

Gerry Adams, the Barry RNLI press officer, said: "One of the occupants jumped out of the inflatable and tried to swim

ashore but soon got into difficulty and had to swim back.

"However, he could not re-enter the inflatable and was in very serious danger.

"The lifeboat crew were able to recover both him and then his colleague in the inflatable."

He continued: "The cox'n, Hugh 'Spud' Davies, has advised that inflatables can be dangerous if misused and in this case there could have been a fatality if the lifeboat had not reached them in time.

"The RNLI's advice is that if you get into difficulty, do not attempt to swim ashore, stay with it and wave for help."

In another incident on May 27, two girls were spotted off Nell's Point. The lifeboat crew were

assembled but stood down because the girls managed to get ashore.

### LIFEJACKETS

Mr Adams added: "Another interesting fact for the volunteer crew in Barry is that they were the first of the Welsh lifeboats to be issued with the new lifejackets and had an intense training program to practice with them.

"It was back in 1854 that an RNLI Inspector called Captain Ward invented a cork lifejacket which proved a lifesaver on numerous occasions.

"But since those days, the charity has always looked to advance and improve its safety equipment, from kapok lifejackets to Beaufort lifejackets and the present day design."

## JUBILEE DAY OF FUN AT THE GIBBONSDOWN NURSERY



The children dressed as kings and queens for the Jubilee at Gibbonsdown Children's Centre.

**The nursery children** at Gibbonsdown Children's Centre thoroughly embraced celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee with a 'red, white and blue' party.

They dressed as kings and queens alongside the staff, and a party tea and fun and games were enjoyed by everyone.

Manager Gill Munro said: "It was important to

celebrate the Jubilee, and see all the children taking part in the activities.

"We have been busy making crowns, flags and bunting with the children, which we have used to decorate the centre. It looks lovely!"

The centre is hoping to be fully refurbished in the autumn, and offer the community a building to be proud of. **GM**

## Church takes on a festive Jubilee air

**ON** Saturday, June 2, Holy Trinity

Presbyterian Church and Community Hall, Barry, adopted a festive Jubilee appearance, with bunting and tables laden with sandwiches, cakes and trifles provided by members and friends.

Each table was adorned in red, white and blue. Rev Duncan Ballantyne arranged and hosted this day of celebration in honour of the Diamond Jubilee.

Over 60 members, friends and local residents came to join the party and to enjoy 'in-house' musical entertainment. The health of the Queen was toasted (in

non-alcoholic beverages, of course) and clearly all enjoyed the occasion. Friends who were unable to attend were remembered and deliveries were later made to homes.

The minister had purchased a supply of Jubilee New Testaments and he inscribed each; they were distributed to folk in the area.

The only stall set up on this occasion was one in aid of the Presbyterian Church of Wales Appeal for Guatemala and more than £220 was raised.

The following Sunday, services were led by member Mr Michael Ford and the Minister.

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7. CHICKEN OR LAMB CHAT £2.50
8. CHICKEN PAKORA (2 pieces) £2.50
9. SPICY PANNEER £2.50
10. PRAWN PUREE £2.90
11. PRAWN COCKTAIL £2.50
12. 1/4 TANDOORI CHICKEN (on the bone) £2.50
13. MEAT SOMOSA £1.70
14. KING PRAWN PUREE £4.50

### TANDOORI DISHES

- SERVED WITH SALAD AND MINT SAUCE
20. TANDOORI KING PRAWN £7.90
21. TANDOORI MIXED GRILL (with plain nan) £7.50
22. PANNEER TIKKA £5.50
23. CHICKEN OR LAMB SHASHLIK £5.50
24. CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA £5.50
25. TANDOORI CHICKEN (on the bone) £5.50

### BIRYANI DISHES

- COOKED WITH VARIOUS SPICES WITH BASMATI RICE. SERVED WITH VEGETABLE CURRY SAUCE
26. KING PRAWN BIRYANI £8.90
27. SPECIAL BIRYANI £7.50
28. CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA BIRYANI £6.50
29. CHICKEN, LAMB OR PRAWN BIRYANI £5.50
30. VEGETABLE BIRYANI (V) £4.70

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### RECOMMENDATION

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48. CHICKEN OR LAMB JALFREZI £5.50
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49. CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA KORAIHI £5.50
50. CHICKEN OR LAMB MAKHANI £5.50
- (mildly spiced)
51. CHICKEN OR LAMB PASANDA £5.50
52. BUTTER CHICKEN SUPREME £5.50
53. CHICKEN OR LAMB GARLIC £5.50

54. KING PRAWN KORAIHI (medium spiced) £8.50
55. KING PRAWN KHAZANA £8.50
56. TANDOORI KING PRAWN MASSALA £8.50
57. ZUCUTTI (CHICKEN/LAMB) £5.90
58. MURGH PODINA £5.90
59. CHICKEN DHONIYA £5.90

### BALTI DISHES

All the balti dishes are individually prepared and cooked with fresh herbs, spices and coriander, the finest flavour and aroma are enriched by our own special recipes

72. CHICKEN, LAMB OR PRAWN BALTI £4.90
73. CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA BALTI £5.50
74. KING PRAWN BALTI £8.90
75. CHASNI TIKKA BALTI £5.90
- (sweet, sour and medium)
76. CHICKEN OR LAMB SPINACH BALTI £5.90
77. CHICKEN OR LAMB MUSHROOM BALTI £5.90
78. CHICKEN OR LAMB GARLIC BALTI £5.90
79. CHICKEN OR LAMB CHILLI BALTI £5.90
80. MIX BALTI £6.90
- Chicken, lamb, prawn

### VEGETABLE SIDE DISHES

81. BRINJAL BHAJEE £2.40
82. SHABZEE BHAJEE (mix dry vegetable) £2.40
83. MUSHROOM BHAJEE £2.40
84. CAULIFLOWER BHAJEE £2.40
85. SAAG BHAJEE £2.40
86. SAAG ALOO (spinach & potato) £2.40
87. BOMBAY ALOO (spicy hot potato) £2.40
88. TARKA DALL (lentils in garlic) £2.40
89. BHINDHI BHAJEE £2.40
90. CHANA BHAJEE £2.40
91. GARLIC MUSHROOM £2.40
92. ALOO GOBI £2.40

### PAPADAM SPECIAL NOODLES

- SERVED WITH A MEDIUM OR HOT CURRY SAUCE
125. CHICKEN TIKKA NOODLE £4.90
126. LAMB TIKKA NOODLE £4.90
127. PRAWN NOODLE £4.90
128. KING PRAWN NOODLE £9.90
129. MIX NOODLE (Chicken Tikka, Lamb Tikka & Prawn) £5.90

### TRADITIONAL DISHES

	CHICKEN	LAMB/PRAWN	KING PRAWN	CHICKEN TIKKA	LAMB TIKKA	VEGETABLE
60. CURRY	£4.50	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
61. MADRAS	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
62. VINDALOO	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
63. PHALL	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
64. BHUNA	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
65. KURMA	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
66. PATHIA	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
67. DHANSAK	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
68. ROGAN	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
69. DUPPIAZA	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
70. CHANA	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90
71. SAAG	£4.70	£4.90	£7.50	£5.50	£5.90	£3.90

All our chicken dishes are served with breast of chicken only

### RICE

95. PILAU RICE £1.70
96. BOILED RICE £1.50
97. HALF RICE & HALF CHIPS £2.50
98. SPECIAL FRIED RICE £2.20
- (pilau rice cooked with egg & peas)
99. MUSHROOM RICE (V) £2.20
- (pilau rice cooked with mushrooms)
100. KEEMA RICE £2.20
- (pilau rice with lightly flavoured minced lamb)
101. LEMON RICE (V) £2.20
102. COCONUT RICE (V) £2.20
103. GARLIC RICE £2.20
104. BALTI RICE £2.20

### VEGETARIAN MAIN DISHES

117. VEGETARIAN TIKKA MASSALA £4.20
118. PANEER TIKKA MASSALA £4.20
119. SUBZI CHILLI MASSALA £4.20
- Vegetables cooked with green chilies
120. PALAK PANEER £4.20
- Cottage cheese cooked in a bed of fresh spinach
121. PANEER BHUNA (Cottage cheese in medium spices) £4.20
122. PANEER ROGAN (Cottage cheese garnished with tomatoes) £4.20
123. MATTAR PANEER (Cottage cheese with peas) £4.20
124. KATCHURI DARSNAK (Lentil balls in a sweet & sour sauce) £4.20

### VEGETARIAN SET MEALS

- FOR 1 £9.00
- Vegetable samosa, vegetable tikka massala, bombay aloo, boiled rice, plain nan
- FOR 2 £17.00
- Onion bhajee, vegetable samosa, vegetable curry, palak paneer, chana massala, 2 boiled rice, 1 nan bread

### SET MEALS

- FOR 1 £10.95
- Chicken tikka, korai chicken, bombay aloo, pilau rice nan
- FOR 2 £19.00
- Chicken tikka, onion bhajee, chicken tikka massala, korai lamb, mushroom bhajee, 2 pilau rice, 1 plain nan papadam



## BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES!

A giant wave crashes onto Nell's Point – flood warnings were issued along the Heritage Coast.



Last Friday, south Wales was battered by strong winds and heavy rain in a stark contrast to the recent sunshine.

Barry Island resident MIKE DUNN sent in this photo (above) of waves crashing against the cliffs.

With the storm raging, the Environment Agency put out flood warnings all along the coast from Aberthaw to the Severn Bridge.

## Model boats on the lake

BARRY Model Boat Club is holding a model lifeboat show at Cold Knap lake on July 1, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Barry lifeboat will have a stall there, with all proceeds to the RNLI.

For more information, contact Ron Pearson on 07890 606775.

## Westbourne celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

PUPILS and staff of Westbourne School had a fantastic afternoon on Friday June 1, celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a street party held on the school yard.

Pupils from the junior school joined pupils from years 7-12 for a Jubilee lunch, organised by the teachers, followed by Royal-themed games, sports activities and a Jubilee quiz.

The event was superbly

organised by Mrs Jodi Barber, with the support of all staff and pupils; especially Year-9 and 10, who carried out all the tables and chairs and then cleared up afterwards.

A great afternoon was had by all. JA

RIGHT: Pupils and staff at Westbourne School enjoyed a Jubilee street party.



## Ramble evades rain around Rhoose!

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

DESPITE the awful daytime wind and rain, as luck would have it the weather abated long enough for the planned evening walk at Aberthaw to go ahead, when plucky Penarth and district Ramblers joined Joy, Bracken and Bronte outside the Blue Anchor pub.

Some pretty country lanes led the group to Nurston and, passing the Highwayman pub, they skirted the airport

perimeter fence, taking a footpath that led them to Rhoose village with some murky views across to the Somerset coast.

Carefully crossing the main Bridgend railway line, the dogs were set free to run in the fields beyond Rhoose Point, where the grass is being left to grow to be cut for hay.

With a substantial breeze in their faces, but still no sign of rain, the group passed through Fontygary Caravan Park and descended the steps in the cliff to arrive on the salt flats where the tide was coming in fast, flooding the salt lagoons.

Climbing over the sea defence wall the group made their way around the lake at Pleasant Harbour opposite the old disused lime works that were constructed in 1888 and closed in 1926, after which the building fell into ruins.

Passing through the woods the group followed a path below the railway line back to Well Road and returned to the Blue Anchor, established in 1380 and deriving its name from the distinctive blue marl or mud which coated the anchors of ships at the port of Aberthaw.

A well deserved pint of ale was enjoyed by all at the pretty inn, before making for home just as the rain began to fall.

On June 16, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10.5-mile hard walk at Ogmere Vale and Bwlch; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156 or Rachel on 01446 410545.

On June 17, meet at 8am at Cogan to join the 19-mile hard Three Castle Walk (White, Grosmont and Skenfrith); contact William on 01446 747239.

Alternatively on June 17, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for a 6.5-mile moderate walk, taking in Llanfeigan, Aber and the Brecon canal; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On June 21, meet at 7pm in Penarth cliff top car park, for a four-mile easy walk, taking in the coast and Cosmeston; contact Geraint on 02920 515278.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots, and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader for advice.

Forthcoming walks can be accessed by logging onto: [www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com/walks](http://www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com/walks).

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 255102

JOY STRANGWARD

## Challenge for young inventors

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns is helping to launch the 'We Made It!' competition in the Vale to encourage schoolchildren to consider a career in manufacturing.

"The competition will invite young people aged 13-16 to submit designs and ideas for a gadget, gizmo, toy or tool they'd like to see made. Any invention, no matter how creative, is welcome and as long as it's realistic enough to be made, there's a chance it could be!" he explained.

The entries will be judged by Mr Cairns and the winner will be entered into a nation-wide competition. The best entries nationwide will be invited to a Fab Lab, where their designs will be manufactured.

In the autumn, Mr Cairns will bring the winner of the Vale competition to a reception and awards ceremony in Parliament to meet the heads of manufacturing organisations involved in the project.

To find out more and to enter the competition, pupils can visit the competition's website: [www.wemadedituk.co.uk](http://www.wemadedituk.co.uk).

## TV & computers value for money Penarth Computer Club round-up

IF YOU are old enough to remember the Queen's coronation in 1953, you might well have watched it, as I did, with the whole family gathered around a tiny black and white TV picture.

I have no idea what the tiny television cost in those days, but I suspect that it was comparable to today's prices in real terms. If it was a week's wages then and a week's wages now, cost-wise only the numbers have changed. The TV, of course, is entirely different.

The picture is bigger, better and in glorious colour, all of which makes it better value for the same (real) price.

If it cost two weeks' wages then and one week's wage now, then the real cost has come down and the deal is even better.

You have to decide for yourself the worth of the programmes and channels that are available and whether the number of channels constitutes an improvement.

The amazing thing about computers is that the changing numbers have been consistently and dramatically beneficial to value.

Moore's Law says that the number of transistors in a computer doubles about every 18 months-two years. He didn't actually offer a law; he merely made an observation, in 1965, that it was happening.

Unexpectedly, it held true and became legend. Despite constant predictions that it couldn't go on - it did. Experts are still predicting that it has finally reached its limit. We'll see.

The same law applies in round terms to other aspects of computers, such as speed of operation, memory capacity and storage. The range of tasks a

computer can handle has expanded enormously.

Yet in terms of size, weight and especially cost, everything else has shrunk in spectacular fashion. A version of Moore's Law could be applied regarding overall value for money.

The famous wartime Colossus code-breaking computer had 1,500 valves. Valves were superseded by transistors and they have been miniaturised: now the number of transistors in a single computer is approaching 3,000,000,000.

The ENIAC computer (Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer) was operational in 1955. It weighed 27 tons (over 27,000 kilos) and required a large room where the operators walked around INSIDE the computer. It had over 17,000 valves and five million hand-soldered joints. No wonder it took years to build. Imagine trying to find a defective solder joint.

These days, a computer will fit into a briefcase and cost a few hundred pounds instead of millions, and weighs about three kilos.

ENIAC needed 150 Kilowatts of power. Your laptop will operate for most of a day on a single battery charge.

The cost of data storage has plummeted. It is so cheap (and disk capacities so large) that some people no longer bother to delete old files.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 12 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth at 8pm.

We shall review our year so far and ask if we can do better? For more information telephone 029 20708439.

HOWARD DESMOND, Chairman.

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# 'NEW COALITION WILL WORK FOR EVERYONE IN THE VALE'

**T**HE recent election saw a change to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Labour won 22 of the council's 47 seats and we have now entered into a coalition with our four colleagues from the Llantwit Major First group, to work for local people.

Frustratingly, despite the election

taking place on May 3, we had to wait until the council's AGM on May 23 to officially form the new council and get to work.

Shortly afterwards and to our great sadness, on May 26, Coun Margaret Alexander passed away after a short illness.

Margaret was a very close friend and colleague and represented Buttrills as a Vale Labour

Councillor for 17 years and had worked tirelessly for her com-

munity.

She was the Vale's first female Mayor and its first female Leader. Margaret was held in high esteem by everyone who worked with her and is a great loss to the Labour group and council.

We will miss her knowledge and judgement, along with her values of fairness and hard work, but we will continue that work in her memory.

We now have a new cabinet, which I reduced to seven

members from the previous ten. This was an election pledge and will save tens of thousands of pounds each year, which will be ploughed back into frontline services.

Another pledge was to involve the council's scrutiny committees in the decision-making process, much more than previously.

In future, any changes to policy will go to scrutiny and the public for discussion, where appropriate, and their comments

will be considered to formulate policy.

Scrutiny will no longer mean just rubber-stamping decisions that have been taken.

I have also reduced the number of 'special responsibility allowances' paid to some councillors from 20 to 16.

Again, these savings will go into frontline services. All councillors will also have at least a five per cent cut in allowances and will share in the cuts

some of our staff have experienced through the job evaluation process.

It is clear that there are concerns about the previous council's Draft Local Development Plan (LDP). We have promised that it will be reconsidered and there will be a fundamental review, and there will be.

After full consultation, everyone's comments will be used to produce a sustainable and practical alterna-

## VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun  
**NEIL MOORE**

Leader of  
the Vale of  
Glamorgan  
Council

tive LDP, which will give the best outcome possible for the Vale.

I have only referred to some of our election pledges and other pledges will be brought forward as soon as possible.

Some may take some time, like one of our biggest challenges

of tackling the £3.5 million overspend on the Social Services, but as these pledges are developed, I will keep you informed through this column.

In the meantime, work goes on to make the Vale Council more efficient and effective for all of us.

## Midsummer music at Dyffryn Gardens

*THE picturesque setting of Dyffryn Gardens will be the venue for the St John Ambulance summer concert at 7pm on Thursday, June 28.*

The RAF St Athan Voluntary Band, under the leadership of its musical director, Mr Alan Bourne, will be providing the music, and the much acclaimed international soprano Adele O'Neill will also be performing during the evening.

Adele, who hails from Hendy, Pontardulais, studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, under the tutelage of Laura Sarti.

She has competed and won many prizes at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, was a finalist in the 2005

MOCSA Young Welsh Singer of the Year competition, and has performed as a soloist for many ensembles throughout the UK, Prague, Krakow and Budapest.

Proceeds of the event will directly assist in providing training and equipment for many volunteers in the local area.

Mr Colin Jones, the chairman of the St John Council for Cardiff and the Vale said: "St John's extends a warm welcome to anyone interested in attending the event. They can contact me on 07976 317 205, email colin.jones234@btinternet.com."

Tickets are £15 per person, and a finger buffet will be provided during the interval.

## Choir's 110th birthday!

**BARRY Male Voice Choir's 110th anniversary celebrations began with a successful joint concert with Newport (Salop) and District Male Voice Choir at St Mary's Church, Barry.**

Choir chairman Gareth Roberts said: "We are surfing on a wave of excitement and expectation, and are very proud of the tradition that we have inherited."

The large audience

enjoyed a varied programme of traditional favourites interspersed with songs from the shows and more unusual numbers.

Talented local soloist Suzannah Delancy's contribution was also greatly appreciated by the audience and choristers.

Next for the choir is a four-day visit to France to perform in the magnificent gothic cathedrals of Beauvais and Senlis.

Community commitments remain an important part of the choir's

anniversary celebrations, with recent performances at College Fields Nursing Home, at the Larry Lawrence Memorial Concert and for Llantwit Major pensioners.

Gareth Roberts concluded: "It's a great time to be a member of the choir. Even better times lie ahead and I'm proud that one of our recent new members Joe Green made his concert debut at St Mary's."

New members are welcomed on Monday or Thursday 7.30pm in Trinity Hall, bottom of Trinity Street, Barry. For more information, go to [www.barry-malevoicechoir.co.uk](http://www.barry-malevoicechoir.co.uk).

## Llanfest 2012 – entertainment for the whole of the family

**LLANFEST 2012 – the Llangan and St Mary Hill village festival – takes place this Saturday, June 16, at 2pm.**

There will be a huge range of attractions – craft stalls, charity stalls, bouncy castle, a clown, face painting, children's rides, food and a bar.

Live music will be performed by the Rossers, Orca, Thrown to Wolves, Chrislys and Jamie Hill.

The Battle of Llangan will also be staged thanks to The Sealed Knot 17th Century English Civil War Battle and Living History Camp group.

There's also a special appearance by the Llangan Primary School Choir, some of whom will also be performing in this year's National Eisteddfod with Only Kids Alive.

The fun all takes place at the new larger site at Heol Llidiard, St Mary Hill and will run, with the live music, until 10pm.

The entry fee is £2 for children and £5 for adults. For sat nav users, the post code is CF35 5DR.

## CLUB BACKS 'HEROES'

*THE Market Street Club in Barry is holding a special event to raise funds for Help for Heroes.*

Tony Gratton told *The GEM*: "The event takes place on June 23 and will start at 7.30pm and go on until late.

"There's a singer-comedian called Jack Dooley, who is booked, and we will be holding a raffle and auction.

"Everybody is welcome and entry is £5 and will be going to a great cause."

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## POSH FROCKS, JUBILEE HATS - AND TABLES FULL OF GOODIES

DINAS POWYS WI's June meeting was held in the Lee Hall, when 47 members celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a special tea party.

Diana welcomed those present to a room and tables decorated in red, white and blue each with a crown centre piece, produced at the May craft meeting. Lynda was thanked for flowers, and the minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

We were reminded of the Link Meeting, hosted by Culverhouse Cross WI, on June 18 at St George's Hall, Peterston Super Ely and of the forthcoming coach trip to the Welsh Botanical Gardens on July 19.

### DINAS POWYS WI NEWS

The draw for the Denman Bursary was won by Moyra Smith and the local bursary was won by Lynda Wallis.

Members arrived in their posh frocks and hats, and sat down to tables laden with sandwiches, cakes, strawberries and cream, a celebration cake, tea, coffee and Buck's Fizz to toast the Queen.

Jill Gee thanked the committee on behalf of the members, and we sang the Welsh National Anthem and God Save the Queen.

Our next meeting is on July 3, when Diane Thomas will give a talk on mussel farming in Swansea Bay at 7.30 pm in the Lee Hall. **BD**

## Barry Comprehensive pupils take up a university challenge!

**THE Salters' Festival of Chemistry was attended this year by four Barry Comprehensive School students from Miss Seville's year-7 science class.**

Salters' Festivals provide the opportunity for enthusiastic young students to spend a day in a university department and to take part in practical chemistry activities which are fun!

Christopher Neale, Matthew Sheppard, Oliver Najjar and Adam Bradshaw worked as a team in the competition.

They were pitted against many other schools in the two challenges set throughout the day. The first part of the competition was 'The Salters' Challenge'. This was a competitive, practical activity where the stu-

dents took part in various techniques common to crime scene investigations. The aim of this competition was to work out who the murderer was and justify this using the evidence.

In the afternoon, the students tackled 'The University Challenge', which was a practical investigation chosen by the University of Cardiff. This involved students working with acids and alkalis, to create the pH required for the competition.

The students really enjoyed the day at Cardiff University.

They especially liked being able to use the university laboratories and all the equipment in them. They also received fun prizes and certificates at the end of the competition. **AC**



ABOVE: Matthew and Oliver at the Salters' Festival of Chemistry.

## Park project

ON June 8, the launch of the Intergenerational Art Project took place at Porthkerry Park, opened by Vale Deputy Mayor, Janice Birch.

She thanked everyone involved with the project, which was funded by the Arts Council of Wales; and input by artists Laura Gower and Kate Murthy.

Also present were Vale councillors Gwyn John and Stuart Egin, members of the Older People's Strategy Forum with parents and children involved in the project, Cary Davies Youth Offending Services, AM Jane Hutt and Helen Moses VOGC Corporate partnership.

Everyone was then invited to view six striking wooden sculptures placed along the path.



**FOLLOWING visits to Barry Comprehensive School by Julie Grady from Atal y Fro, Year-12 citizenship students were invited to watch a performance devised by some of their peers.**

Natalia Davies, Megan Harrington-John, Bradley

**ABOVE: The year-12 performers with their teacher, Mrs Ellis.**

Simpkins, Molly Watts and Mariel Sabo, were asked by Julie to create a piece based around the issues of healthy relationships. The performance would mark the opening of a fundraiser held by Atal Y Fro on National

Women's Day.

Having taken part in a workshop held by Julie, the Year 12 performers chose the subject of 'Cyber Bullying' and explored how it can affect young people and their relationships.

The performance was a huge success and gave the students the confidence to share the experiences with their peers.

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# VICTORY! Local school celebrates success of its car park campaign

**LLANGAN Primary School, which has campaigned for 12 long years for a safe area for parents to drop off their children, celebrated success on Monday, June 11 with the opening of its new car park.**

It means the days of dangerous near misses on the main road as vehicles travelled within inches of children arriving for school, are over.

The relieved headteacher, Mrs Mary Noyes, told The GEM that it was a great day in the history of the school.

"I'm delighted that the whole community supported us in getting the car park - it has been a campaign that has gone on for many years.

"It is thanks to the generosity of Mr John Homfray, who gave us the land, that this has been achieved.

"Mr Homfray's manager Mike and his workers even helped with the initial 'dig out'.

"I also want to thank the school governors, who kept up the pressure, Mark Haynes, who helps in local school development, and Jane Hutt and Alun Cairns who have always been supportive.

"I'd also like to highlight the tremendous support of Nancy

## REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

Davidge, who kept the story alive in her weekly column in The GEM."

Mr Homfray gave the land to the school for just £1.

Two year-6 youngsters cut the opening ribbon - Eve Hammond and Ben Morgan.

The car park will allow parents to drop youngsters in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon - all in a relaxed and safe environment.

The new car park has 54 spaces including four disabled ones. Over the years there had been a number of incidents which included a youngster being hit by a wing mirror and two mums having their cars struck by passing vehicles.

The Vale MP Alun Cairns, who attended the opening, told The GEM that he welcomed the car park, but that he still had reservations about the speed of traffic on the main road.

"I'm delighted that the car park has been opened and the campaign for parents to drop off youngsters safely has been successful.

"A second issue remains - the speed of traffic along the main road. Many of the vehicles are lorries heading for the business parks at Llandow from the motorway."

The Vale's Assembly Member

Jane Hutt said she was pleased that the school staff and the pupils wouldn't face the fear of speeding traffic in the mornings and afternoons.

She explained: "Ever since I became an Assembly Member I have been involved in the problems here.

"Twelve years ago a footpath was constructed from the Fferm Goch estate for the schoolchildren.

"A 30mph speed warning was also introduced on the main road.

"Now, with the new car park, parents are able to bring children to school and pick them up in safety."

The GEM's local correspondent and Llangan resident Nancy Davidge (89) said she was thrilled that the new car park was now open.

"I came to the area when I was eight years old and attended the school.

"My father was a local wheelwright and had horses which went along the road by the school - you very rarely saw cars.

"Now the road has become a potential death trap. The car park is a huge improvement for the school.

"What will be particularly nice is that there will no longer be inconvenience for evening functions too.

"Sometimes people were unable to find a parking space because there were too many cars."



Picture by John O'Beirne

**ABOVE:**  
Staff, pupils, and special guests at Llangan Primary School celebrated the opening of a new car park which means the youngsters will be safe when they arrive in the mornings and leave in the afternoons.



**FLASHBACK...**  
Left: Mrs Noyes, staff and pupils highlighted the issue of the busy traffic outside the school in The GEM in December 2010.

## Make a Noise in Libraries!

VALE libraries are staging performances, recitals and other special events to mark the RNIB's annual campaign, Make A Noise in Libraries.

Improving access to books and information for the blind and the partially sighted, and enhancing links between public libraries and the visually impaired is the main purpose of the two-week long campaign.

Events include: Today, June 14, lunchtime recital, 1pm at Barry Library led by Jack Ollier (clarinet and recorder). June 20, Rebekah West

(12) sings songs from the shows in Barry Library.

June 21, Penarth storyteller Eirwen Malin will be telling stories and singing songs for adults and older children at Penarth Library from 6.30pm.

June 22, information display in Barry Library detailing the services and facilities offered by Vale libraries for the blind and visually impaired.

June 22, storyteller Guto Dafis' stories about Wales and music at Barry Library.

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## ValePlus celebrates its 10th birthday

VALEPLUS, the local charity that provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disabilities, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with a garden party at its centre in Barry.

More than 100 guests

enjoyed a pleasant afternoon, meeting up with old friends, enjoying the party food and listening to some quality music supplied by a band arranged by Alice Jones.

A number of stalls were also available so that clients were able to do some fundraising as

well.

The chief guests were Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM, as well as the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker, the Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, and the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Ann Matthews, along with their consorts.

Other Vale councillors, both old and new, attended, and there were also representatives from the Prince's Trust, Barry Soroportists and VCVS.

The highlight of the afternoon came with the cutting of the 10th birthday cake.

Melanie Carter and Steve Thomas, the co-founders of ValePlus, and its current directors, thanked everyone for their help over the past 10 years and pointed out the numerous highlights achieved by the charity.

## Local students get inside track at Hay festival

**FIVE Cardiff and Vale College A-level students were selected to attend the Hay Festival as part of the Beacons Project.**

The learners won five out of just 13 places available to A-level literature students from across Wales, giving them the opportunity to spend a week at the festival, taking part in creative writing workshops and attending a wide range of festival events.

Cardiff and Vale College students Jac Bryant (17) from Barry; Conor Derbyshire (17) from Llanedeyrn; Alex E Jackson (17) from Radyr; Thomas Clements (18) from Llandaff; and Liam Hemmings (19) from

Penarth, took part in events aimed at encouraging their creativity and linking the landscape and environment of the Beacons to art and literature.

Liam said: "It meant a lot to be selected for The Beacons Project as I have been writing poetry for a few years now and it's nice to get recognised. It took me seven hours of non-stop typing to get the collection of poems finished, so it shows my hard work has paid off."

Activities included guided walks in the National Park, creative writing workshops with published writers and meeting journalists, as well as attending many talks and performances over the course of the week.

## Lara tells of 'amazing day'



**ABOVE: Local health worker Lara Cowpe carries the Olympic torch through Barry.**

**A LOCAL health worker who has raised tens of thousands of pounds to help fund children's cancer care said becoming a part of the UK's Olympic history "was one of the greatest days of my life".**

Lara Cowpe was up at 3am to prepare for her part in Olympic history as she carried the torch through the streets of Barry.

The occupational therapist with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board said it was an inspiring, amazing and memorable day.

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## Cardiff and Vale College students raise cash for the Amelia Trust Farm



PICTURED: Bro Morgannwg hair and beauty Learning Pathways students with Lorraine Brown of the Amelia Trust Farm, and hair and beauty lecturer Nicola Buttle.

**CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE** hair and beauty students recently raised almost £140 for local charity the Amelia Trust Farm.

The students, who come in to the college from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg as part of the Learning Pathways initiative, raised the money during a St David's Fun Day held at the college's Colcot Road site.

They gave students temporary dragon tattoos, hair dressing and nail decoration in return for donations to charity.

Hair and beauty lecturer Nicola Buttle handed over a cheque for £139 to Amelia Trust Farm director Lorraine Brown.

"It is good experience for the students to come in from school and get some experience of college life," Nicola said. "They had a really good time while raising money for charity."

Amelia Trust Farm director Lorraine Brown said: "It's wonderful to see groups engaging in skills that will take them forward in their careers, and for them to use it to raise money for charity is highly commendable."

"The Amelia Trust Farm relies completely on good will and donations and has no core funding, so we're really grateful for this charitable donation."

## Cosmetic surgery advice available

**A SERIES of cosmetic and weight loss surgery open evenings are taking place at the Vale Hospital.**

Cosmetic surgery evenings will be on Tuesday, July 17 at 6.30pm, and on Tuesday, August 7 at 6.30pm.

There will be information on all cosmetic surgery including: breast augmentation, breast uplift, breast reduction, face lift, rhinoplasty, elepharoplasty, abdominoplasty and all other procedures.

An evening giving information on weight loss surgery will take

place on Thursday, July 19 at 6.30pm.

Surgery options include gastric balloon, gastric band and gastric sleeve treatments.

The Vale Hospital is just off J34 of the M4.

The event will provide an opportunity to hear specialist consultant surgeons talk about the procedures, and the kind of things to consider if thinking about cosmetic or weight loss surgery.

The evening will also give a 10-15 minute advice session with one of the surgeons, completely free of charge.

To book a place, contact Laura Dunning on 01443 449 272.

## 'ADOPT WITH CONFIDENCE'

**CATS Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre has introduced an 'adopt with confidence' pledge so that prospective owners can be confident that any cat adopted from the charity has benefited from the highest standards of care.**

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Some owners who have lost their jobs simply can't afford to keep their cats or have had to move into rented accommodation where pets are not allowed, so the charity has found itself dealing with more unwanted cats than ever.

A spokesperson said: "In these difficult times, we are encouraging people to come to us as their first port of call when looking for a new pet, as we have up to 40 healthy, affectionate cats that would really benefit from a loving home."

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# WARTIME WEEKEND, BARRY

## LIVING HISTORY • JUNE 16-17, 2012



## 70th anniversary of US troops celebrated this weekend in Barry

THE Americans are coming – and you can join them at the Wartime Weekend on Barry Waterfront and Barry Island Station this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17.

The events run from 10am-5pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday.

Barry at War Group, in partnership with Barry Tourist Railway, St Cyres School and the Vale Council, have enabled the 'Wartime Weekend' living history and commemorative event in Barry to be staged.

The event commemorates the 70th anniversary of US troops coming to the town as part of the build up for the liberation of Europe.

It features an Allied encampment at Hood Road, with Barry Island Railway Station being transformed into a civilian home front living history area, complete with appropriate themed stalls and entertainment.

The weekend promises to provide the public with a fascinating glimpse of our 1940s past.

Local historian and St Cyres headteacher, Dr Jonathan Hicks, told The GEM: "Scores of Allied military re-enactors will be setting up an authentic WWII American camp and



staging displays.

"Barry Island Station will be transformed into a 1940s station, complete with wartime police and the Home Guard, to portray the Barry Home Front.

"A wartime housewife will teach people how to 'make do and mend', a skill so essential during wartime."

Other educational living history displays will be housed at the station, along with an exhibition on the area during the Second World War.

Dr Hicks explained: "Barry Tourist Railway is providing steam train rides from the Waterfront Halt at Hood Road in Barry to Barry Island Station.

"Barry Docks was a major supply port in the build up to D-Day. There will be 1940s-style live entertainment and a live radio broadcast.

"The children from seven local primary schools in Barry and Penarth are to play the



Prepare for Barry to jump back in time to the 1940s during the Wartime Weekend...

role of wartime evacuees. Dressed in 1940s costumes, they will board a steam train from Barry Waterfront and be 'evacuated' to Barry Island Station where they will be given refreshments and view the various events due to take place on Barry Island Station before being transported back to their parents."

Ade Pitman of the Barry at War Group said: "We felt as a group that it was time to recall the service of these

brave men and women who came across the Atlantic to help us in our fight against Nazi Germany.

"Many of them did not survive the war to return to the country of their birth. They had a huge impact on the people of the area and its economy.

"We intend to have a WW2 American military convoy pass through the area on the Friday afternoon which would be an amazing sight after 70 years."

## THE BARRY BLITZ – AIR RAIDS OF WWII

RIGHT:

There will be re-enactments of how German Luftwaffe bombs were diffused given by the 25th Bomb Disposal Company of the Royal Engineers (a WWII re-enactment group from Hampshire).

WHILE it was the servicemen and women from Barry who served during the Second World War who were in the front line in the campaigns against the Axis forces, the civilians who were left in Barry, also faced their own dangers from the enemy – in this instance, the German Luftwaffe.

With air raids imminent, advice was given to Barry residents in May 1940 regarding the types of shelter available: "Steel Garden Shelters will not give full protection without adequate earth covering, which should be at least 15 inches thick on top and 30 inches thick at the sides.

"An earth mound not less than 30 inches thick (or boxes filled with earth) should protect the entrance to a shelter against blast and splinters. This is not necessary if the shelter is facing and within 15ft of a substantial wall.

"Public shelters are primarily intended for people caught in the streets in an air raid. People in houses should stay there."

By the following month, it was becoming clear that the number of public shelters – 13 – was inadequate, and this was to be increased to 21.

Among the ideas proposed was the building of eight new shelters at the bottom of Vere Street, in between George and Digby Streets, one near the Air Raid Precaution control centre on the allotments near the abattoirs, one at the junction of Cemetery and Barry Roads, one at the top of Tynwydd Hill, one on Great Western Railway land opposite Trinity Street, one in Alexandra Gardens, one of the Castle Farm buildings Garden Suburb, and one on the corner of the Parade Gardens.

In total, 390 brick shelters were to be delivered to Barry for erection in parts of the town where it was impossible to dig deep enough to erect Anderson shelters.

The call went out as well for men over the age of 45 and 'active women' to be trained as fire-fighters in the use of stirrup hand pumps, in order to protect local houses against incendiary bombs.

The 25th Bomb Disposal Company of the Royal Engineers, a WWII re-enactment group based in Hampshire, will be providing set-piece scenarios and demonstrations to show visitors how the German Luftwaffe bombs were defused.

Dr JONATHAN HICKS



## Memorial plaque is to be unveiled

AT 11am, tomorrow, Friday, June 15, the forthcoming 'Wartime Weekend' on Barry Waterfront will get off to a memorable start when a marble plaque dedicated to the American troops who were stationed in and around Barry during the Second World War will be unveiled on King Square.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, who has led the project, said: "We are very grateful to the Vale Council for granting permission for this plaque to be placed and to AG Adams and Son for sponsoring and producing it.

"Without their assistance, this unique event would not be taking place.

"Thousands of GIs were stationed in Barry and its adjoining localities during World War II and we wanted to remember that fact with a permanent memorial.

"The plaque will be unveiled by the new county and town mayors during a ceremony carried out in the presence of representatives of the US Military."

Dr Hicks added: "It will be a lasting reminder to those young men and women who made such an impact on the local community. We should never forget that many of them were never to return to the country of their birth."

The Wartime Weekend will see scores of American and British re-enactors stage 'living history' with period uniforms and costumes, military vehicles, a replica Spitfire fighter and steam train rides. Bro Radio and St Cyres Sound will be staging live broadcasts from the sites.

The gates open at 10am. Full details are at: [www.wartimeweekend.co.uk](http://www.wartimeweekend.co.uk).

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Eric Hacker, would like to wish everyone involved with the Barry Wartime Weekend a successful event.



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## Come and meet the real Dad's Army – THE GLAMORGAN HOME GUARD!

**P**OSTED for the weekend at Barry Island Station, the re-enactors of the Glamorgan Home Guard will be demonstrating to the public the role of the real Dad's Army during World War Two.

The group was featured in the recent BBC series 'The Coal House at War', and was formed several years ago to honour the people who were prepared to give up so much during that dramatic period in our history.

The Home Guard (initially 'Local Defence Volunteers', or LDV, or in humorous slang, Look, Duck, Vanish, hence the name change) was a defence organisation of the British Army during the Second World War.

Operational from 1940 until 1944, the Home Guard – comprising 1.5 million local volunteers otherwise ineligible for military service, usually owing to age, hence the nickname 'Dad's Army' – acted as a secondary defence force in case of invasion by the forces of Nazi Germany and their allies.

The Home Guard manned the coastal areas of Britain and other important places such as airfields, factories and explosives



**ABOVE:**  
*The Glamorgan Home Guard.*

stores. The biggest fear was not enemy bombing, but that saboteurs would infiltrate the site and plant explosives, which would have been catastrophic, both in terms of damage and loss of life, but also as a setback to the war effort.

They were responsible for duties such as guarding the Royal Ordnance Factory at Bridgend and Barry Docks.

Pillboxes were each manned by either two or four Home Guards

depending on the size and design. Each box had either a Corporal or a Sergeant in charge. It was common for a Sergeant to take responsibility for overseeing three boxes and a Corporal two boxes.

However, following the successful landings in France and the drive towards Germany by the Allies, the Home Guard were formally stood down on December 3, 1944 and finally disbanded on December 31, 1945.

*Dr Jonathan Hicks*

## Keeping the troops supplied



*The 514th re-enactment group.*

**B**ARRY Docks was a major supply port for the invasion of Normandy and the 514th Q M Truck Regiment, a group of re-enactors based in southern England, will be attending the Wartime Weekend, bringing with them six GMC trucks, authentic survivors of the Second World War.

Lovingly restored to their former glory, these American trucks will give an even greater authentic flavour to the event.

In the winter of 1943, the 514th were shipped to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. This was a transfer station to the ETO (European Theatre of Operations), and a few days later they boarded ships in New York for the nine-day journey to Liverpool, England.

Britain was preparing for the invasion of France with more than a million American GIs camped at bases throughout the country.

To maintain this massive fighting force more than five million long tons of supplies had been landed, and the men of the 514th imme-

diately went to work as they hauled material from depots to ports and vice versa.

Many of the Companies of the 514th were based on the south coast in Somerset and Dorset. These were at Sandbanks, near Poole, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Dorchester, Maiden Newton, Rimpton, Piddletrenthide, Compton Valence, Westbury and Heytesbury.

The drivers spent a lot of time delivering supplies along the south coast to the units such as the famous 29th infantry, along with others, in preparation for D-Day.

In early July 1944 the truck Companies of the 514th started to make it across the English Channel and landed on Utah and Omaha beaches at night.

When the ramp went down on one landing craft at Utah, James Rookard's truck lurched forward across the deck and into the water. No headlights were permitted and soon the bumper of Rookard's truck disappeared into the channel and seawater rose over the running boards and into the cab.

It seemed like miles to the beach and he knew that if the truck stalled he would have to swim to shore and he had no idea how far that was, and who or what was out there. Dark images of American



troops moving about on the beach suddenly appeared. He was startled by sudden flashes lighting the horizon.

The bursts of light came from American and German artillery that fired at each other, and Rookard knew that the front was not far away.

The drivers were frightened and with good reason, for the loads they were carrying contained ammunition and jerry cans filled with gasoline.

The trucks were motorised bombs waiting for a spark and in some places the front was only five miles away.

On July 18, 1944, the

3rd Army set up a transport depot at Bricquebec entitled the 514th Quartermaster Group. One month later,

the trucks would start the gigantic supply train known as the Red Ball Express.

*Dr Jonathan Hicks*

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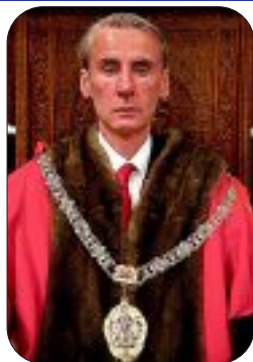
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## WHAT'S ON, WHERE, AND WHEN...

### Valeways walk

Today (June 14) at 10.30am, 'Into the Setting Sun,' meeting at Llantwit Major beach car park.

### Elder abuse awareness

VALE Older People's Strategy Forum will host an event to raise awareness of abuse, as part of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15 at Central Library, King's Square, Barry, from 9.15am-3pm.

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, will attend at 10.15am, followed by Vale MP Alun Cairns at 12.15pm.

### Summer fete

MAES Dyfan Special School will be holding

its annual summer fete at the school from 1pm on Friday, June 15: barbecue, book/clothes/cakes/jewellery stalls, bouncy castle, etc. All welcome; entry 20p.

### Quiz time

A QUIZ will be held in aid of the National Eisteddfod at St Francis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, on Saturday (June 16) at 7pm.

Tickets £6, to include light refreshment. Bring your own wine. This is an English language event.

**Advice surgery**  
DYFAN Labour councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will be holding a drop-in advice surgery for residents of Dyfan Ward on Saturday, June 16, at the

Buttrills Community Centre, Barry, from 11am to 12 noon. No appointment needed.

### Councillors' surgery

LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Buttrills ward, Barry, Stuart Egan and Pam Drake, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, June 16, from 10.30am to 12 noon in Barry Town Council Offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA. No appointment necessary.

### Ward advice

COUNS Bronwen Brooks and Jeff Evans will be holding an advice surgery for Court Ward in Maes Dyfan School at 10.30am on Saturday, June 16, to discuss any concerns or issues.

Contact Bronwen Brooks on 07325 158391.

### Eisteddfod benefits

EISTEDDFOD fundraising events will take place as follows.

Sunday, June 17: Mid Summer Garden Party - Old Froglands, Llanmaes, CF61 2XR 3pm-6pm.

Pimms and cream tea; music by Cardiff Style, barber shop chorus and Gwyn Morgan, pianist. Tickets £10 per person. Contact 01446 796676.

Saturday July 7:

Tastes of Wales, dinner - Fine food in the tranquil setting of West House Country Hotel, Llantwit Major. A delicious six-course menu using locally-sourced foods and Patagonian wines.

Price per person £40, to include welcome drink and light entertainment.

Tickets from West House Hotel on 01446 796147.

**Zumba Gold AGE CONCERN**  
Cardiff and the Vale will hold a new Zumba Gold class at Barry Memorial Hall from Monday, June 18 at 11.30am-12.15pm.

Organised by the Ageing Well Project in Barry, this form of Zumba suits active older people.

For further information, telephone 01446 732385.

**Diabetes talk**  
DIABETES UK's Vale of Glamorgan voluntary group will hold a meeting on June 19 in the board room at Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm.

The speaker is Mrs Rachel Smart, a Vale dietician and new members/friends are welcome. Call 01446 746639.

### Fly a kite!

ART4U will be holding its annual 'celebration of the skies', a kite flying event to celebrate the Summer Solstice

(June 21) at the Knap, Barry, from 6pm.

For more information, visit

www.art4uwales.org.uk

### Artist's demo

ON June 21, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Pembrokehire artist Graham Hadlow, who will give a watercolour demonstration. Mr Hadlow was head of art and design at Greenhill Comprehensive School, Tenby.

Visitors are welcome at meetings held at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, on Thursday evenings (7pm-9pm).

For further information, see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

**Organ concert**  
WELL-known Cardiff organist Brian Williams will give an organ concert at Barry's St Pauls Church on June 21 at 7pm.

The programme will include the Grand March from *Aida*, Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov, the Flower Song from *Carmen*, a March Finale and other light music items.

Tickets, £5 (£3 for senior citizens) and young people under 18 invited free.

Brian Williams is giving his services completely free and proceeds go to charity.

Tickets are available from the Silver Star decorating and DIY store at Barry Docks, from the churches of St Paul and Merthyr Dyfan, or pay at the door, on the evening.

### Sully art exhibition

SULLY Painting Group will be holding its annual art exhibition in the Jubilee Hall, off Smithies Avenue, Sully, on Friday, June 22, from 6pm-9pm and June 23 from 10am-6pm.

A percentage of sales, as well as general income from the exhibition, will be donated to Ty Hafan children's hospice and the Alzheimer's Society.

**Scout fete**  
PROGRAMMES have gone on sale for the 59th Barry District Scout and Guide annual fete at Romilly Park on Saturday, July 7.

It will feature Gerard Naprous and the Devil's Horsemen, along with the usual Scout and Guide arena events.

For further information, contact the website at www.barryscouts.org

## Barry concert for brave little Daniel

Music students and associates of two local teachers, Jo Weaving and Sara Ghazi-Torbati, are coming together for a special concert on June 30 in Barry, for the Daniel Downton Cwtch Fund.

Days before Christmas 2011, two-year-old Daniel was diagnosed with a rare, malignant tumour at the top of his spine.

Money raised will be used to support Daniel and his family during his treatment, as well as supporting LATCH and CLIC



DANIEL DOWNTON

Sargent, who have been assisting and supporting the family.

Jo explains: "I run Musical Minis and Daniel has been attending classes with

his mum since he was tiny. I have two young children myself and I can't begin to imagine what Daniel and his family are going through."

The concert hosts many talented young musicians, including pianists, singers, classical guitar, woodwind and brass. Jo and Sara will also be taking part on Saturday, June 30, at the Highlight Park Community Centre in Barry from 7pm.

Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets are £4 each, (£2.50 for under-16s). Call Jo on 01446 733788 or email joweaving@yahoo.co.uk

## COUNCIL HANDS OVER THE CROWN TO EISTEDDFOD



ABOVE;

As previously reported in The GEM, the Vale Council has donated this year's Eisteddfod Crown, and at a recent ceremony it was officially handed over to the chair of the Vale Eisteddfod executive committee, Dylan Jones, by the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker. The crown was designed and created by a local artist, Anne Morgan of Penarth.

## Welsh country fair

SET in the picturesque grounds of Fommon Castle, on June 30 and July 1, the Welsh Summer Country Fair and Food Festival will be celebrating in style, with award winning food, real ales, cider and fine wines - as well as a fine selection of hand-crafted unique jewellery, accessories and fashion.

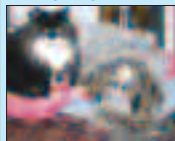
With more than 80 stands allocated, two of the newest contributors are Hannah Alyward, from The Old Wool Barn, Verity's Court, Cowbridge, with her brand new business Deliberately Scrumptious.

Llantwit Major-based company Wink, is owned by artist Lea Reynolds, who upcycles and specialises in all things vintage - including sock monkeys - made using the Original Rockford Red Heel Socks. (Sock monkeys date back to the late 1800s, when children's toys were fashioned from long-lasting Rockford work socks).

The elegant castle rooms will be open for cream teas, as will the gardens for a leisurely stroll, and there will be food talks, wine tastings and demonstrations, a champagne marquee and live music.

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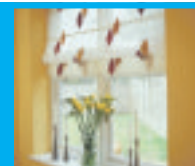
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**THE National Gardens Scheme aims to raise money for charity by opening up local gardens across the nation.**

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Stallcourt Mews in Cowbridge, which features a front terraced courtyard garden and a side and rear sloping garden with a stream and ponds, recently opened to visitors. Mike Wilcock captured some images of the day.

Visitors and groups are welcome by appointment at Stallcourt Mews (see pictures, right). Dick and Beverly Tonkin can be contacted on 01446 772704.

### Open this Sunday!

THE following gardens will be open this Sunday, (June 17).

**Greenfields, Newport Road,**

**St Mellons, Cardiff.**

This 3/4-acre garden includes a cottage-style front garden with herbaceous and wild areas, a pergola, vista to a formal pond and beyond, a knot garden and water feature. There's a terraced, rear garden with shady areas and views of Bristol Channel leading to parterre style kitchen garden and fruit cage.

Open: 12.30pm-5.30pm, admission £3.

**Pentyrch Gardens, Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9QD**

A GROUP of five gardens offering something to suit all interests.

**Maes-Y-Gof:** Medium sized cottage garden with exuberantly planted herbaceous borders, roses, clematis, ferns and palms.

**5 Dan Y Rodin:** Quirky use of recycling and encourages all wildlife: class winner Cardiff in Bloom.

**9 Heol-Y-Pentre:** Corner plot with perennial borders and acers. Climbers and small gravel gar-

den. A class winner in Cardiff in Bloom.

**2 Penmaes:** Small packed garden with roses, clematis and fuchsia. Full of colour and scent, peaceful to sit in, and a new water feature.

**Sunny Bank:** 200-year-old cottage with a wisteria-covered veranda, formal terrace and informal garden. It also has a pond with bridge leading to a summerhouse. Tries to be as organic as possible.

Open: 12 noon-5pm, admission £5.

**Ty Deri, 1 Tyn-y-Coed Road, Pentyrch, CF15 9NP** will be open on June 20, 25 and August 26 from 11am-6pm.

Award winning garden with specimen trees, water feature surrounded by seasonal herbaceous borders.

Rear garden includes unusual plants, raised vegetable beds, large fruit cage and greenhouse. New – a beehive. Admission £3.

## Idyllic retreats are waiting to be discovered by public

**IMAGES by MIKE WILCOCK of Stallcourt Mews, Cowbridge**

**THE National Gardens Scheme** is celebrating its 85th anniversary, with over 3,800 gardens across England and Wales opening up to the public in return for a small fee to be donated to charity.

In the past 10 years alone, the scheme has donated £22 million to nursing, caring and gardening charities.

More than 80 gardens will be opened up across Glamorgan and, as these photographs by GEM photographer Mike Wilcock show, plenty of idyllic retreats are waiting to be discovered.



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## GREEN-FINGERED PUPILS AT YSGOL SANT CURIG GET BUSY!

**CHILDREN** from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig were busy last week gardening and using their new greenhouse, a recent donation from Dow Corning Barry.

It was erected by local building company RJC in The Wild Garden at the school.

Mrs Meriel Jones, who is in charge of the day-to-day care of the Wild Garden, acknowledged: "I'm very grateful to both Dow Corning and RJC for their extremely kind involvement and contributions. The children are so very happy that they now have a place for their seedlings to grow."

Roedd plant Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig yn brysur yr wythnos hon yn gartio ac yn defnyddio eu Ty Gwydr newydd, oedd yn rodd diweddar gan gwmni Dow Corning, Y Barri.

Ynghyd â'r rhodd hael yma, daeth cwmni adeiladu lleol, RJC, draw i roi eu hamser gwaith er mwyn codi'r ty gwydr yng ngardd wyllt yr ysgol.

Dywedodd Mr Rob Turner o RJC Plastering & Building: "Roeddwn yn falch iawn o fod wedi gallu helpu wrth roi fy ngwasanaeth i Ysgol leol fel Sant Curig."

Cafwyd croeso mawr i sylwadau Mr Turner gan Mrs Meriel Jones sydd yn gofalu am yr Ardd Wyllt gan gydabod: "Rwy'n ddolchgar iawn i Dow Corning ac RJC am eu hymrwymiad a'u cyfraniad eithriadol o hael. Mae'r plant mor hapus bod ganddyn nhw le i'w planhigion ieuanc dyfu."

## Local gardens will be opened up to visitors



**ABOVE:**

*The Heronsbridge pupils at work in their garden.*

**THE open garden scheme will feature some interesting local gardens over the weekend of June 23-24.**

**Penarth Gardens, CF64 2SR**

Witsend and Honeysuckle Cottage are two small, pretty gardens maximising their limited space.

Witsend has three linked areas - cottage-style front with paved and gravelled path, shrubs and perennials, vegetable side plot with apple trees and a courtyard rear garden with pear trees and frog pond. Honeysuckle Cottage has a small cottage-style front and secluded well-

stocked rear garden with roses, honeysuckle and sweet peas, along with seating areas.

Open: Saturday, June 23 (11am-5pm), admission £3.

**Heronsbridge School, Bridgend.**

This special needs school won a silver award at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2011.

It has a sensory kitchen garden and formal gardens, and a heritage orchard, with swings and a willow tunnel.

Open: Sunday, June 24 (12pm-4pm), admission £3.

**Castle upon Alun House, St Brides Major.**

Grade II listed

enclave, including a two-acre walled garden which was redesigned and replanted from 1998.

There are rose walks, herbaceous borders, extensive lawns and an ornamental pond garden. Good trees. Roses are a specialty.

Open: Sunday, June 24 (1pm-6pm), admission £5.

**Colwinston Village Gardens, Colwinston.** Visit around eight contrasting borders, from formal to cottage and productive vegetable gardens.

Several of the gardens have delightful S-facing views over the surrounding countryside.

Chapel Cottage has wonderful terraces of roses, geraniums and lavender.

Cynna House has a large south-facing garden with mature shrubs, borders, vegetable plot and a paddock leading to a baptism pool.

No3, Maes y Bryn is an old fashioned vegetable garden which is highly productive. Nurtured for many years by its 91-year-old owner!

No8, Maes y Bryn is a cottage garden with a variety of flowerbeds, perennials, a small vegetable plot and greenhouse.

Sunnybank Cottage is small and intimate and Sycamore Hill's mature garden has extensive views.

Rosewood Lodge is a well laid-out garden on different levels, thickly planted with a variety of shrubs and trees and offering extensive views.

The Village Farmhouse is a well laid-out cottage-style garden with vegetable plot, pond and bowls area.

Open: Sunday, June 24 (2pm-6pm), admission £5.

## More than just a stroll through a country garden...



**ABOVE:**

*At a recent open day, entertainment was provided for visitors to the private gardens.*

**Images of Stallcourt Mews by MIKE WILCOCK**



**WITH the National Garden Scheme returning for 2012, the general public not only has the opportunity to see some of the lesser known gardens of Wales, but also to be entertained at the same time.**

If readers decide to pop in to visit one of more than 80 local gardens open to the public over the summer months, they will often find entertainment and refreshment laid on for their enjoyment, in return for a small fee to be donated to charity.

GEM photographer Mike Wilcock dropped in to visit Stallcourt Mews where plant and cake stalls were provided, and a folk band played for visitors.



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# Transform the outside of your house and make it attractive for years to come

**I**F your home has a painted exterior, it won't stay looking good forever because, inevitably, the elements take their toll on its appearance.

The easiest way to give it a new look is to paint it a different colour – make sure you use a high-quality masonry paint, such as those by Dulux or Sandtex – but even if you're happy with the existing colour, repainting it can work wonders.

Discoloured, peeling and patchy paint isn't pretty or practical and could lead to damage that's expensive to repair.

While you can rarely be as adventurous with the colours you use on the outside of your home as the inside, you don't have to restrict yourself to just white, cream or magnolia.

However, you do need to consider what will go with your neighbours' houses, if there are any restrictions imposed by your local council on the colours you can use and what suits the style and period of the building.

For some homes, though, a lick of paint won't

by **JULIA GREY**

go far enough – only a radical makeover will do.

Sadly, the latter decades of the 20th century weren't our finest in terms of architecture, and some homes from the 1950s onwards leave a lot to be desired in terms of beauty.

If your home is among those that aesthetics forgot, an architect or specialist company will be able to help you transform the exterior.

They should come up with a solution tailored to your home (detached houses are the best candidates because you don't have an adjoining reminder of the old look), but one idea that works well is rendering and/or cladding (with wood or faux-wood panelling) all or some of the exterior.

This can make a massive difference, as can things like replacing the windows and doors, adding balconies and extensions, and retiling the roof.

Adding dormer windows and replacing unattractive concrete roof tiles with slate ones can go a long way to giving your home character and kerb appeal.

## FRONT DOOR

In fact, exteriors can be transformed beyond recognition and while this type of work often isn't cheap, it will certainly add value and make your home more attractive and sellable.

Research by Sandtex found that homebuyers are impressed by smartly painted walls and a well-kept front door.

Before you start changing the exterior, check with your local council whether planning permission is required and whether building regulations apply.

The area in which you live, as well as the type of building (listed buildings often cannot be altered without listed building consent from the council) can affect your plans.

The rules are stricter

for 'designated land', which includes conservation areas, so you may not be able to do what you want with your home's exterior – the council will be able to tell you.

Occasionally, you may need a party wall agreement with your neighbours for exterior work, if it involves a shared boundary.

And if your home is leasehold, you'll probably need the permission of the freeholder, even if you're only changing the appearance of your part of the building.

## HIGH QUALITY

The problem with altering the outside of your home, especially the front, is that any changes you make will be obvious for all to see, so don't do anything you shouldn't because you could get into trouble.

Get a high quality masonry paint so you won't

have to worry about redoing the job any time soon. It should be dirt resistant, breathable, flexible and waterproof.

When painting the outside of your home, start at the top and work down, painting in sections from left to right or right to left.

Try to ensure that you always have a 'wet edge' to your paintwork, so you don't end up with stripes or blocks where the paint has dried unevenly.

Follow the sun, as this will ensure that the walls are free from dew, and don't paint in direct sunlight on hot days because this can lead to blistering when the paint dries.

The temperature outside should be above 8C for the paint to dry effectively.

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# EISTEDDFOD PLAN TO KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING!

WITH little less than two months to go before the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod, organisers have published details of the traffic management system for the week.

The aim of the scheme is to strive to ensure that traffic runs as smoothly as possible during an exceptionally busy week, making it easy for visitors to reach the Eisteddfod and that local residents are disrupted as little as possible as they travel around the area.

The Eisteddfod has worked with a number of organisations and agencies over the past few months, and the published scheme is a partnership between the Eisteddfod, South Wales Police and the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Festival Technical Director, Alan Gwynant, says: "Our priority every year is to try and ensure that traffic runs as smoothly as possible throughout the week, and that the huge influx of visitors doesn't affect local people too much."

"Once again this year, we are encouraging everyone to follow the signs and to read the instructions on how to arrive."

"There are a number of narrow lanes around Llandow, and we are keen to ensure that people avoid these at all costs to reach the Maes as this will create problems."

"It is very important to follow the traffic system - even if you know the area. We have been working on the plan for many months and believe that this is the best way to try and ensure that there are no major traffic issues during Eisteddfod week."

From the west, traffic will be diverted off the M4 via junction 35 (Pencoed), and then via Ewenny and the coast road, approaching the south car park, and turning left into the car park. This will serve traffic approaching from Swansea, Carmarthen, Aberystwyth etc.

From the east, traffic will be diverted off the M4 via J32, A4232 to Culverhouse Cross, and then via Barry, St Athan and Llantwit Major. Traffic will then enter the north car park via a left turn. This will serve traffic approaching from Cardiff, the Valleys and the East.

North Wales (A470 and/or A49 using M4, then as for east)

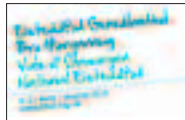
Caravans will be advised, via pre-arrival information, to follow the above route. Coaches are advised to follow the above routes, although they will follow a dedicated system once they approach the site. A special area will be set aside for parking of coaches near to the main entrance.

Disabled visitors should follow the designated signs which will lead them to the north car park from all directions. Disabled parking is situated close to the main entrance.

Welsh phrase of the week / Ymadrodd yr wythnos:

Beth ydy ..... yn Gymraeg? (Beth ud-ee ..... un Gum-ryeg?), which means: "What is ..... in Welsh?"

GYDAG ychydig llai na deufis i fynd tan Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg erbyn hyn, mae'r Trefnwyr wedi cyhoeddi manylion y cynllun



## trafnidiaeth ar gyfer yr wythnos.

Bwriad y cynllun yw ceisio sicrhau bod traf-fyg yn llifo'n esmwyth yn ystod wythnos eithriadol brysyr yn lleol, gan ei gwneud yn hawdd i ymwelwyr gyrraedd yr Eisteddfod, a chan geisio sicrhau nad yw'r Brifwyl yn effeithio ar drefniadau teithio trigolion lleol sy'n mynd i'w gwaith ac yn teithio o gwmpas yr ardal fel arfer.

Bu'r Eisteddfod yn trafod y cynllun gyda nifer o gyrff ac asiantaethau am fisoedd lawer, ac mae'r cynllun sydd wedi'i gyhoeddi yn bartneriaeth rhwng yr Eisteddfod, Heddlu De Cymru a Chyngor Bro Morgannwg.

Meddai Cyfarwyddwr Technegol yr Eisteddfod, Alan Gwynant, "Ein blaenoriaeth bob blwyddyn yw ceisio sicrhau bod y

traffig yn llifo'n hwylys drwy gydol yr wythnos, ac nad yw'r mewnlif o ymwelwyr yn effeithio gormod ar drefniadau trigolion lleol.

Unwaith eto eleni, rydym yn annog pawb i ddilyn yr arwyddion ac i ddarllen y cyfarwyddiadau - ac mae hyn yn cynnwys pobl leol.

Mae nifer o ffyrdd digon cul o amgylch Llandow, a rydym yn awyddus i sicrhau nad yw pobl yn eu defnyddio i gyrraedd y Maes gan y bydd hyn yn sicrhau greu problemau. Mae'n bwysig iawn dilyn y system trafniadaeth - hyd yn oed os ydych chi'n adnabod yr ardal.

Rydym wedi bod yn gweithio ar y cynllun ers misoedd lawer ac yn credu mai dyma'r ffordd orau i sicrhau nad oes unrhyw broblemau mawr yn ystod wythnos yr Eisteddfod."

Wrth deithio o'r gorllewin, bydd ceir yn cael eu cyfeirio oddi ar gyffordd yr M4 ar gyffordd 35 Pencoed gan fynd trwy Ewenni a'r ffordd arfordol i ddod i faes parcio 1 gan droi

i'r chwith yn y fynedfa. Bydd y maes parcio yma ar gyfer trafniadaeth o'r gorllewin, o ardaloedd fel Abertawe, Caerfyrddin ac Aberystwyth.

Wrth deithio o'r dwyrain, bydd ceir yn cael eu cyfeirio oddi ar gyffordd 32 yr M4, yna yr A232 i Groes Cwrlwys, Caerdydd ac yna am Y Barri, Saint Athan a Llanilltud Fawr. Bydd y ceir yma'n cael eu cyfeirio i faes parcio 2 gan droi i'r chwith. Dyma'r maes parcio ar gyfer trafniadaeth o Gaerdydd, y Cymoedd a'r Dwyrain.

Wrth deithio o ogledd Cymru, bydd ceir yn dilyn yr A470 a neu A49 i'r M4 ac yna i gyffordd 32 ac yna fel trafniadaeth y dwyrain uchod.

Bydd y rhai sydd yn aros ar y maes carafanau yn derbyn cyfarwyddiadau arbenig yn eu pecynnau. Bydd bysiau yn dilyn y systemau uchod ond yn dilyn arwyddion manylach wrth ddod i gyrion Maes yr Eisteddfod.

Bydd maes parcio penodol ar dir caled ar gyfer y bysiau yn agos i'r Ganolfan Groeso.

Dylai ymwelwyr anabl ddilyn yr arwyddion penodedig a fydd yn eu harwain i faes parcio 2 o bob cyfeiriad. Mae maes parcio anabl wrth ymyl y brif fynedfa.

AC os yw'r holl sôn am system trafniadaeth a'r meysydd parcio yn gwneud i'r Eisteddfod ymddangos yn agos, beth am dreulio'r wythnosau nesaf yn ail-fyw rhai o uchafbwyntiau Eisteddfod?

Nos Fawrth 12 mehefin, mae cyfres newydd yn cychwyn ar S4C - Pethe y Babell Lén. Dros y chwe wythnos nesaf, bydd cyfle i ail-fyw rhai o sesiynau gorau'r Babell Lén, neu i'w mwynhau am y tro cyntaf os oeddech chi'n crwydro'r Maes yn ystod yr wythnos.

Bydd y gyfres yn cychwyn gyda chyfle i fwynhau rhaglen deyrnged i Gwilym Owen, 'Dowch, dowch... Gwilym Owen!' Gyda'r darlledwr uni-gryw'n ymdeol fel cyfwynydd 'Wythnos Gwilym Owen', cafwyd cyle i holi a stilio, procio a phryfocio'r dyn ei hun yn y Babell Lén y llynedd, gyda Guto Harri'n cadeirio'r cyfan.

Cyfle i fwynhau y ddarlith lenyddol y cawn yn ail raglen y gyfres, ond nid darlith lenyddol arferol mo hon. Yn hytrach, bydd Geraint H Jenkins yn olrhain hanes Leigh Richmond Roose, gol-gidwad mwyaf rhyfeddol ei ddydd yn yr oes Edwardaidd, ac un a gollodd ei fywyd, fel Hedd Wyn, ar faes y gad yn y Rhyfel Mawr.

Bydd y drydedd raglen yn sicrhau apelio at selogion y Babell Lén - ac yn siwr o ddenu cynulleidfia newydd i'r adeilad eleni, wrth i ni fwynhau sesiwn Emlyn Richards am Amaethyddiaeth ym Môn. Roedd y Babell dan ei sang a phawb yn chwethrin wrth fwynhau profiadun a sylwadau doniol un o ffeifrynau mawr yr Eisteddfod.

Yn nes ymlaen yn y gyfres chwe rhaglen, bydd cyfle hefyd i fwynhau M Wyn Thomas yn traddodi darlith Goffa Hywel Teifi Edwards, a byddai cyfres am y Babell Lén yn anghyflawn iawn heb Ymryson y Beirdd, felly braf yw nodi bod y beirdd yn cael sylw teilwng cyn diwedd y gyfres.

Cynhyrchir y rhaglenni gan Cwmni Da, sydd yn gweithio mewn partneriaeth gyda Cynhyrchiadau Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cyf.

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## Pegg comedy is not quite Fantastic – but not half bad!

**H**AVING used the likes of *Shaun of the Dead* to spring-board himself to Hollywood, Simon Pegg has carved a successful niche in Tinseltown, lining up in the likes of *Tintin* and the latter two *Mission: Impossible* films, making the Brit a major player.

However, Pegg's latest film sees him return to Britain, and low budgets. In *A Fantastic Fear of Everything*, Pegg plays Jack, a writer whose research into serial killers for his latest book has made him a paranoid wreck.

With Jack's life seemingly falling away around him, will he be able to pull things together and turn his life around – or are his fears well founded?

*A Fantastic Fear of Everything* isn't the sort of mainstream fare that you would expect to see Simon Pegg popping up in. The film is a quirky little thing that doesn't lack ambition but does fall a little short of what it intends to do.

Written and co-directed by Crispian Mills, son of Hayley, grandson of John and singer/guitarist with erstwhile Britpopers Kula Shaker, the film is a particular blend of British comedy, dark-night-of-the-soul horror and just plain bizarreness; easy to categorise it certainly isn't.

But Mills' screenplay has in it the nugget of a story concerning the projection of fears and how

### SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

they impact upon the lives of those suffering, a noble one no doubt, but one that feels a little smothered beneath everything else that is going on.

Similarly, the film peaks too early, the last third in particular far too desperate to tie everything together into a satisfying whole, which Mills doesn't manage to pull off. It's as if the ideas lacked any definitive resolution, taking the story to a place where, tonally it feels right, but narratively feels forced.

His direction, along with Chris Hopewell, follows a similar tone to the likes of Paul King's *Bunny and The Bull*, the film following an off balanced colour scheme and set in a timeless period that draws influences from several decades.

The composition of the film is

well done, giving the film a ragged beauty that sits well with the story, while small detours like a stop-motion tale of a hedgehog merely add to the slightly off kilter mood.

Anchoring it all is a pleasing performance from Simon Pegg, carrying the film pretty much solely on his shoulders and delivering a fine turn. The actor has very little heavy lifting to do, even when the film gets dramatic, but offers a satisfying comedic touch, his reactions proving to be hugely amusing, while capturing the jerky paranoia of the character well.

While running out of steam towards the end, the film still offers up the tantalising prospect of more to come from Mills. The influences, while broad (*The Mighty Boosh*) or subtle (*Hammer horror*) are well marshalled, and you feel with more experience that Mills could be an interesting voice in cinema. For a first outing, *A Fantastic Fear of Everything* is a pleasant, watchable film that hints at the potential to come.

**VERDICT** – A quirky little animal, *A Fantastic Fear of Everything* is a low-budget delight that doesn't quite have the legs to make it all the way. Crispian Mills makes a fair debut as a writer and co-director, supported by Simon Pegg's comedic film-carrying turn, and shows that he has plenty of potential. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Bunny and The Bull* (2009), *Submarine* (2011)

## MP had charity in Mind for London Marathon cheque

**VALE MP** Alun Cairns has presented a local charity with £800, after running the Virgin London Marathon.

He handed a cheque to Mind in the Vale following his debut in the marathon in April, which he completed in four hours and three minutes.

Mr Cairns explained: "I have worked with MIND in the Vale over the last two years and they are leading the field in helping people gain self-respect and confidence.

"I'm so grateful for the support they give to some of the Vale's most vulnerable people, and this was just a small way of showing my appreciation for all they do.

"I'd also like to thank everyone who has been kind enough to sponsor me and send me messages of encouragement."

Caroline Chapman of MIND in the Vale added: "We are extremely grateful to Alun for thinking of this charity, and raising money and awareness for the work we do, in supporting people with mental health problems in the Vale."



ABOVE: Vale MP Alun Cairns with Mind in the Vale members.

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## Gala concert in Dinas Powys

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choirs, enjoying a reputation for its varied repertoire and affinity with contemporary Welsh music.

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David Leggett, the musical director, enjoys a busy career as both an

educator and advisor, as well as choral director.

The choir's accompanist, Janice Ball, has performed as a soloist and accompanist at prestigious venues worldwide.

Matthew Sims is at the Wales International Academy of Voice, studying for a master's degree, under one of the world's leading operatic tenors, Dennis O'Neill.

This concert is the pinnacle of fundraising activities organised by the Dinas Powys Eisteddfod Committee.

The year has been successful and the target of £12,000 has been reached and surpassed, thanks to all those who have been so supportive.

For tickets, contact Mrs Julia Beasley on 02920 512185.

## Barrivale Bridge

Recent results from Barrivale Bridge Club:

Tuesday, May 29 – 1st Bryn Gough and Dave Reed, 59.29 per cent; 2nd Mike Best and Irene Thomas 56.03; 3rd Mark Roderick and Mick Green, 53.41. Bryn and Dave won on handicap.

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**Llantwit Major**  
**SUMMER Meet the people update...**  
 Promoting their 'Lions' Carnival, Saturday 23rd June



## A SPECIAL SUMMER BECKONS FOR LLANTWIT MAJOR COMMUNITY

**T**HE next few months will be very special for Llantwit Major, and the town will be in the spotlight as never before, as many thousands make plans to visit the area.

The big event, of course, will be in August as the National Eisteddfod of Wales comes to the new showground at Llandow.

This will certainly attract the bulk of new visitors, as more than 100,000 people are expected to attend over the eight days (August

4-11).

With the Eisteddfod in mind, a number of town improvement schemes were implemented in recent years, and as a result, the Mayor of Llantwit, Coun Ann Matthews, feels the town will be looking its best.

She said: "I would welcome any new visitor to the town and I hope that they will take the chance to enjoy the area – not just the historic old town with its ancient buildings, but the Heritage Coast as well."

"The town hall has a great deal of information that is very useful

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

for visitors, including the blue plaque historical trail and details of local walks."

She added that, during Eisteddfod week, a Welsh-speaking assistant will be in the town hall daily to offer advice.

One town improvement scheme that arrived at just the right time is the Boverton Road Regeneration Scheme, which has improved the look of the shopping precinct in the commercial centre of the town.

Coun Matthews said that this had definitely made a difference to the appearance of the town.

The Eisteddfod, of course, is not the only big event in the near future.

In recent years, the

local Lions Club has revived an old concept, a community-based country fayre, and has kept the best of the old and added some modern extras.

It takes place on Saturday, June 23, 10.30am-4pm, at Llantwit Major RFC's sports field, with fairground rides, more than 40 stalls already booked in, and a wide variety of food – from burgers to crepes and on to Japanese noodles!

There will be live music all day, and some fun events, including a competition for the 'best scarecrow', a 'bonny baby' contest, and a melon-eating competition – which could get quite messy!

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Stuart Sloan of Seconds Up.



Craig Gibson, the new manager of PC of Mind.



ABOVE: Eric Smith of the Farmer's Pantry.



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ABOVE: Sarah and Wendy Thomas at the Flower Shop.

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St Illtud's Church remains a real gem, and overflows with history - and this will be even more obvious when the Galilee Chapel project starts to take shape.

The chapel, which at present is a roof-less adjunct to the church, will become both an educational centre, highlighting St Illtud's importance in the development of Christianity in the UK, and it will also show off the ancient Celtic crosses that are currently inside the existing church.

Move just a short distance from St Illtud's Church and the visitor finds himself in the old town square, surrounded on all sides by public houses that have a real charm.

Steve Murphy runs the Old Swan Inn and has fallen in love with the town. He told The GEM: "As an outsider (from Cardiff) I adore the town and the old part, around the church, is phenomenal."

"Our pub has always been a public house - all the way back to the 12th century - and I think that is amazing!"

"We will be embracing the Eisteddfod, and will be holding a beer festival, with the emphasis on Welsh beers and ciders."

Another development which has been a boost to the town is the increasing popularity of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line.

It is a scenic route anyway, and it is an ideal way for visitors from Bridgend, or Barry, to visit and spend time in the town.

With the Eisteddfod in mind, arrangements have been made for a shuttle bus service to take new arrivals in the town out to the festival site.

The arrangements for road traffic to reach the festival site were released this week. (See the Eisteddfod column on page 18 for details).

An exciting summer lies ahead for Llantwit Major, and traders and townsfolk will be offering a warm welcome to visitors from all corners of Wales and the UK.



ABOVE: James Harrison and Jamie Rees at Pins N Needles tattooists.

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# A Feast of Festival Fun

EMAILS are flying around the world; leaflets are being picked up from Swansea to Stroud; artists are rehearsing hard in Wales, England, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Canada and the United States of America, and the festival site preparations are soon to start at St Donats Castle, Llantwit Major.



The She'Koyekh band will be playing

From June 29th – July 1st the beautiful site by the sea will play host to Beyond the Border, Wales International Storytelling Festival 2012.

In 2012 the festival is celebrating 200 years of the Brothers Grimm and their collection of fairy-tales. Families can see Grimm's Tales performed through circus and music, or as puppet shows (including some specially for the Under 7's) and they can also take part in storyteller Daniel Morden's exciting Festival project

– where he will perform a story right up to a cliff-hanger moment, then talk to the audience to decide how to perform the ending the next day. For adults and teenagers there are darker Grimm's tales to choose from including festival favourites The Company of Storytellers performing *The Three Snake Leaves*, a rather naughty late night *Bluebeard*, and a dark exploration of mental health issues in puppet theatre piece *The Fantastist* to name but a few.

### Paul Seligman – Festival Fan says . . .

*You know how it is. You keep hearing good things about a restaurant, a pub, a holiday destination or a new activity. You mean to check it out, but somehow you never get round to it. It's not part of your social pattern. Eventually you may give it a try and if it's as good as you heard, you think "Why didn't I do this before?" We came late to Beyond the Border, very late – it started in 1993 and it was about ten years later before we went for a day. It was as good as we'd been told, if not better, and of course we thought . . . "Why didn't we do this before?"*

Another anniversary featured is the 100 years since the sinking of the Titanic. American storyteller Pam Faro tells the tale of her Great Uncle Olaus, steerage survivor of the ill-fated voyage, whilst you can also hear how a radio operator from South Wales heard the distress signal and test some of the equipment he would have used.

The festival celebrates the Welsh language too and has commissioned a new performance in Welsh and English and story and song based on Welsh legends: *Tair: Daughters of Earth and Time*

Alongside all the storytelling, there are great musical performances. Featured UK artists this year include Transglobal Underground, She'Koyekh, Julie Murphy and Fernhill, plus you can plunge into central Asian culture with *Music of the Persian Poets* and *Voices from the Kazakh Steppes*.

With a real ale bar, craft stalls, food from Wales and the world, coastal walks and many other activities it is a weekend not to be missed – and if you can't make the



Storyteller Ben Haggarty

whole weekend, you can buy tickets for just a day or an evening.

All the information is at: [www.beyondtheborder.com/festival/tickets](http://www.beyondtheborder.com/festival/tickets) or you can call the Box Office on 01446 799 100.

Tickets can be bought in advance or on the day from the Box Office on the festival campsite.

### Kat Quatermass – Festival Manager says . . .

*We're really excited to have arranged sign language interpretation for the first time ever at Beyond the Border. Local interpreters are signing a series of family friendly performances on Saturday 31st July. We've also got a special discount offer for families with Deaf children so they can try it out. They can get more information by calling 02921 660 501 or emailing [info@beyondtheborder.com](mailto:info@beyondtheborder.com)*

### David Ambrose - Artistic Director says . . .

*A visit to Beyond The Border is always a rich and magical experience, and this year promises to be better than ever. Not only are we delighted to be back at St Donats, with its fairy tale castle perched on the clifftop, enchanted gardens, wild woods and a prospect of the sea...but we also have a wonderful line-up, over 100 performances of music and stories from around the world, a magnificent feast for the ears!*



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**Telephone: 01446 799100**

The festival is supported by Arts Council Wales and Welsh Government and by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and is held in the grounds of Atlantic College and St Donats Arts Centre.



# Vintage machinery enthusiasts raise funds for children's charity through tractor runs

THE Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society recently attended a steam event at St Fagan's where enthusiasts gathered to examine the carefully-preserved machinery.

The society also stages tractor runs to raise funds for charity and during the event, a cheque was presented (pictured below) to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.



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#### Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardall Gadwraeth

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00454/CAC  
Conversion of existing retail premises to 1 No. 4 bed townhouse, and construction of 4 no. 3 bed townhouses in existing service yard/carpark, all with associated car parking and private amenity space, in a secure gated Mews Development  
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Location/Lleoliad:  
Conservation Area/  
Ardall Gadwraeth

#### Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:  
Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig

2012/00474/LBC  
Proposed extension to the rear (ground floor)  
81, High Street, Cowbridge  
Grade II

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Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:  
Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig

2012/00479/LBC  
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Grade II

Application No/  
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2012/00524/LBC  
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Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II\*

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00535/LBC  
Single storey rear extension, second floor bedroom alterations and roof terrace glazed balustrade. (Re-submission for enlarged opening from kitchen to sunroom)  
8, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely

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Application No/  
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2012/00561/LBC  
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2012/00469/FUL  
Small memorial garden incorporating low wall and joint seating facility with small terraced area  
St. Johns Church, Church Road, Llanblethian (St Bleddian)

Dated: 14th June, 2012  
Rob Thomas, Head of Planning and Transportation  
The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office,  
Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT

Listed Building:  
/Adeilad Rhestredig

Affecting The Church of St. Bleddian, Grade I and the Roadside Cross, Grade II

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00485/FUL  
Detached new house in the garden of the existing dwelling  
4, Great House Meadows, Llantwit Major

Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building:  
/Adeilad Rhestredig

Affecting Ty Mawr (Great House), Grade II\*

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00536/FUL  
Single storey rear extension, second floor bedroom alterations and roof terrace glazed balustrade. (Re-submission for enlarged opening from kitchen to sunroom)  
8, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely

Location/Lleoliad:  
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Affecting 8, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely, Grade II

#### Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00464/FUL  
Demolition of existing Pen y Bont Surf Life Savers Centre and replacement with a new Surf Life Savers Centre at Ogmre by Sea  
Pen Y Bont Surf Life Savers Centre, The River Mouth, Ogmre by Sea

Location/Lleoliad:

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00522/FUL  
Emission Reduction Project comprising the erection of a steel raft (adjacent to the existing boiler house) supporting 6 catalytic reduction units  
Aberthaw Power Station, The Leys, Aberthaw

Location/Lleoliad:

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00526/OUT  
Proposed demolition of all buildings and proposed residential development  
Old Weighbridge Yard, Cogan Hill, Cogan

Location/Lleoliad:

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00547/OUT  
Demolition of former public house and development of 13 No. apartments (eight one bed and five two bed) with associated car parking area and on site amenity space  
The Marine Public House, Redbrink Crescent, Barry Island

Location/Lleoliad:

#### May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00539/FUL  
A three bedroom dwelling on a derelict vacant site directly adjacent to the Old Post Office in St. Brides Major, Mid Glamorgan. Includes the restoration of a public footpath  
The Old Post Office, St. Brides Major

Location/Lleoliad:

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# BARRY TRANSPORT FESTIVAL IS TOP SHOWCASE FOR VINTAGE VEHICLES

**DESPITE** an over-cast day, the Barry Festival of Transport on Sunday, June 10, attracted around 2,500 visitors who saw a vast range of classic cars and preserved buses.

Many took advantage of trips on the Barry Tourist Railway and free rides on the bus services, including open top buses on the day.

A key event was the launch of Colin Scott's new history book on the former Western Welsh bus company, at which Roy Noble related some of his own stories of travelling by bus in his childhood days.

The bus depot was open and visitors could see progress on a number of restoration projects being undertaken by the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group.

Mike Taylor, the group's chairman said: "After last year, when rain lashed down and kept many away, this year we have had tremendous support and we have seen many more cars and buses than initially expected two weeks ago.

"Most of the 150 classic cars came along making it a real occasion. I can't pick a favourite, there were far too many

beautiful cars.

"Look at the E-type Jaguars – how can you compare them against a baby red, 1934 Austin 7hp Ruby."

Mike continued: "We also had an excellent turnout of visiting heritage buses and coaches from 1950s Bedford OBs to Classic London Buses like the Routemaster.

"We had buses from Gloucester, Birmingham and Bristol and of course many from south Wales, and our friends at the Swansea Bus Museum also supplied exhibits.

"I would like to also thank Vale AM Jane Hutt for her support and Lis Burnett from The Vale Council for coming along.

"Thanks go to Colin Scott for launching his new book, and to Roy Noble. I also want to thank members of the Barry Sea Cadets, who did a sterling job assisting visitors and directing traffic.

"For those who could not come to our event, the bus depot at Barry will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, for the Barry at War two-day event.

"We will be giving free rides from Hood Road on the hour, 11am to 4pm on Saturday and 11am to 3pm on Sunday."



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Roy Noble was keen to view the vintage buses.



## Firsts and Seconds romp to victory over Kidwelly

**THE** Llantwit Major Cavaliers played Kidwelly in another SWCA league double-header recently.

With the heavy rain of the previous few days it was a surprise to many that both clubs managed to get a game on.

The First XI, playing away, won the toss and elected to bat first. They posted 197 for 7 off 50 overs, with Neal Pritchard (44 not out) top scoring, and other useful contributions from Chris Cousens (37) and Julian Griffiths (27).

Chris Cousens and Lewis Collins (18) shared an opening wicket partnership of 50. Neal's contribution, in particular, was an

excellent effort, as he saw the Cavs from a precarious 128 for 6 to a respectable 197 for 7.

Best bowling performances came from S Mills (10-1-28-3) and R Lowe (15-1-32-3). In reply, Kidwelly were bowled out for 62 off 21.4 overs, with J Conick (27) top scoring for the home team and Sam Pickford (7-3-9-3), Jonathan Cheal (10-0-32-3), Julian Griffiths and Adrian Ashton taking the wickets.

Two catches from James Snelson and one each for Sam and Jono (including a run out) contributed towards an excellent fielding performance.

The Second XI played host to the Kidwelly Seconds, with Phil Harris at the helm.

The Cavs won the toss and with batsmen

needing time in the middle elected to bat first.

Opening bowlers Andrew Bailey (2 for 44) and Owain Davies (1 for 73) shared a wicket apiece as the Cavs found themselves on 2 for 2 off two overs.

The score had moved onto 61 for 4 off 16 overs when Phil Vincent (29) was bowled by Josh Jones (1 for 20).

Number five batsman Luke Vincent (121 not out) and number six Shane Callard (56 not out) shared an unbroken partnership of 176 runs off 24 overs, with Luke scoring a majestic century and Shane returning to form with a welcome half century. The Cavs' innings closed on 237 for 4.

In reply, Kidwelly were bowled out for 33

runs off 22 overs with Scott Wheatley (4-0-6-2), Alex Harris (4-0-6-2), Andrew Williams (4-0-5-1), Pete Lansdown (4-1-7-1), Jake McNaughton (3-0-2-1) and Mark Coldwell (3-1-2-3) all contributing.

Next week, the Cavs both take on Llandeilo with the First XI playing home.

The Cavs would like to thank their sponsors; Simon's Plaiice, Nathaniel, Llantwit Major Autocentre and Anthony Brown Estate Agents for their much appreciated sponsorship of the club.

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## Cowbridge Seconds suffer first defeat

**AFTER** the monsoon-like conditions that the country had experienced the previous week, it was surprising that a game took place at all last week in Skewen.

Despite this, on a bright and blustery day, Cowbridge travelled hopeful of continuing their good start to the season. Upon arrival it was immediately evident that the wicket had been left exposed to the elements, and therefore, whoever won the toss would have a huge advantage going into the match.

Unfortunately, Jonty Webb lost the toss and, unsurprisingly, Cowbridge were asked to bat first due to the uneven bounce and pace in the wicket.

The Cowbridge openers could simply not get the ball away in the face of some good bowling,

as well as a troublesome pitch.

The result was that Cowbridge limped to only 14 runs off 20 overs when both openers fell in quick succession. This set the pattern of the Cowbridge innings, with no batsman being able to find their feet and score runs fluently.

Despite some good shots from the likes of Rian Thomas (14) and Zac Summer-Hayes (15), Cowbridge were only able to reach 89 when the final wicket fell.

They knew that this was a low total, difficult to defend, but Skewen would also have to bat on a tough wicket.

Cowbridge started brightly with two early wickets for John Gilbert and Chris Brace, and when a further wicket fell, to the impressive Umar Rafique, Skewen for 23 for 3 off 10 overs.

However, when

defending such a small target every run counts and the Skewen batsmen started to find the boundary and the score began to climb.

Ian Evans was introduced to the attack and immediately struck to leave Skewen on 75 for 8, meaning that Cowbridge had a glimmer of hope of salvaging something from the game.

This was soon extinguished as Skewen reached the target without losing another wicket.

This was a disappointing outcome to the game in which the pitch played a major part.

However, Cowbridge cannot blame the pitch entirely, as a number of batsmen got out to some injudicious shots.

Hopefully, Cowbridge will get back to winning ways next week when they are home to Aberdare. JW

## WHAT'S ON IN BRIEF...

### Castle choirs

**ON** June 16 from 5pm at Coity Castle, seven choirs will perform individually.

Bridgend Male Choir will be last performing at 7.30pm and will lead the singing of the national anthem.

Charities supported are Ty Hafan (children's hospice); Noah's Ark (supporting children who have suffered bereavement) Y Bont (support pre-school children with disabilities) and

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Bridgend Mail choir will also perform at Armed Forces day June 30 in Cooper's Field, Cardiff.



# Huge crowds turn out to see local owner's 'first horse' secure victory at Bonvilston



**A tremendous crowd turned up at Redlands Farm, Bonvilston, for the Countryside (Wales) Point-To-Point Steeplechases.**

This, even though there was racing at Chepstow Racecourse and other celebrations going on which some of you might have heard about!

Racing got under way with the four, five six and seven-year-olds' open maiden race.

This resulted in a win for 10-1 chance *Shwetzter*, a French-bred seven-year-old, confidently ridden by Kris Hamner, who won by two lengths from the shoeless favourite *Karazaaf* (John Mathias).

Shwetzter, according to part owner and trainer Angela Ray, who was saddling her second winner, is: "A bit of a character, who stands 17 hands high and is up for sale."

On dismounting, Hamner commented: "He jumps for fun."

In the Countryside Alliance Novice Riders' Race, Charlotte Prichard's intended mount, *Prince Massini*, was withdrawn to allow Charlotte, who had been unseated from *Rule The Roost* in the previous race, "to get her breath back".

Alan Hill's *Fly Direct*, the only non-Welsh hunt horse in the race, was made an odds-on favourite.

His rider, Joe Hill, who has won the Wilkinson Sword novice riders' under-21 championship, and is still in the running for the national novice riders' title, apparently didn't get the best of starts.

However, full cred-

**Report by BRIAN LEE**

it must go to young Connor Flint, who made every post a winning one on the 11-year-old *Oakfield Legend*, to come home four lengths ahead of *Fly Direct* – and clock the day's fastest time.

The loudest cheers of the day came after the restricted race in which Andrew Quick's nine-year-old grey gelding *My Fella*, partnered by Charlotte Prichard, got the better of the favourite *Coosan Lad* (Nick Williams), despite stumbling at the final obstacle.

Mr Quick, mine host at the Greendown Hotel in the Vale, said:

"I bought him last October from Salisbury's Seamus Mullins."

"He's the first horse I have ever owned and I train him myself."

David Llewellyn's *Rosies Peacock* came home eight lengths ahead of *Midnight Diamond* (Mathew Barber) in the Tim Vaughan mixed open race to record his 12th career win.

Brian Davies' *Interpleader* (Marc Barber) had given him most to worry about until falling at the third last fence.

Winning jockey John Mathias, who was riding his 25th winner of the season, said:

"When *Rosies* gets his head in front, he just kills them off."

Mr Llewellyn said: "We came here because we were ballotted out of the Champion Hunter's Steeplechase at Stratford on Friday, the race once known as the Horse & Hound Cup."

"*Rosies Peacock* won this season's Lady Dudley Cup, which is the classic point-to-point race, yet we were denied a run in a race which

was originally established for leading point-to-pointers."

The closest finish of the day came in the eight-year-old and over maiden race in which *Cabinteeley* (Rachel Leyshon) finished a length in front of *Rockwell Rover* (Mathew Barber), and a further length ahead of *Bred To Win* (Emily Farr).

Rachel, 18, who rides out for Tim Vaughan, had the nine-year-old bay gelding in a handy position throughout and was chalking-up her third win between-the-flags.

She has taken out an amateur riders' licence, so that she can ride her father Andrew's hurdler *Putiacca Bella*.

Hywel Evans' blinkered *Tom Bach*, who kept his rivals waiting while he had a shoe replaced at the start, was a five lengths winner of the intermediate under Nick Williams.

The North Ledbury invader *Kilshanna* (Chris West) finished second.

*Tom Bach*, who was winning for the third time this season, is by *Bach*, the same sire as the runner-up.

The big disappointment of the race was *West Bay*, who had won his members' race over the course earlier this season.

The 5-4 favourite, ridden by Charlotte Prichard, was never going well and was eventually pulled up.

Williams was standing in for Nathan Deakin, who had had a knock when falling from *Paradise Point* in the restricted race.

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## Chestnut Annie's shock defeat!

Wales' most popular point-to-pointer, Chesnut Annie, suffered a shock defeat in the ladies' open race at the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases, which saw the close of the 2011-12 Welsh season.

Chesnut Annie, a winner of 36 races, ridden for the first time by young Charlotte Prichard, went off the 2-11 odds-on favourite. The 11-year-old chestnut mare, owned and trained by Beth Roberts, was never in the hunt, and could only finish third behind Red Watch (Hannah Lewis)

and Little Miss Monty (Emily Farr).

All three horses are qualified with the Ystrad & Taf Fechan Hunt.

Chesnut Annie, who usually leads from start to finish, was never going well, and although making up some ground in the closing stages never looked liked winning.

Little Miss Monty just led jumping the last fence, but was caught on the run-in by Red Watch, who had a length to spare at the finish.

Red Watch is trained by Luke Price, who was saddling his ninth winner of the season.

BRIAN LEE

## Free advice

THE next Cowbridge income tax surgery to offering free professional advice to older people with income tax queries will be held at Old Hall on Thursday, June 28.

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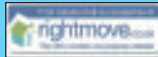
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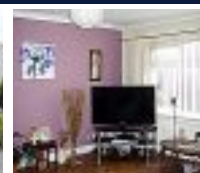
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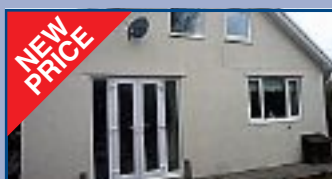
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**Birthdays**

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on **14th June**  
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**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**

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**DIVERSION ORDER 2011**

On the 26th March 2012 an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers  
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A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen at the address  
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June 2012 until 26th July 2012. Copies of the Order and map may be bought  
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Dated this 14th day of June 2012

Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration  
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**Family Notices**

**Councillor  
Margaret Elizabeth  
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Yvonne and Brian Morris would like to thank all family,  
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Also, gratitude to the Rev Emma Rees and Park Funeral  
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**SYMMONDS**

The family of the late Eleanor Symmonds wish to  
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**WILLIAMS**

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## Newcomers impress at petanque champs



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The format was three pools of four teams, with the top eight pairs qualifying for the main draw and the remaining four entered into the plate competition.

The afternoon play was a straight knockout affair and saw some hotly-contested matches. The first group saw Kon Tomczyk and Barbara Vaughan from Caerleon RFC PC win against Jake Caston and Gemma Foster from The Wheatheaf PC, Llanhennoch, 13-10.

They then went on to win against Paul Mayfield and Pat Davies, of Caerleon RFC PC, 13-11 in the semi-final.

The second group saw Tansy Mayfield (Caerleon RFPC) and junior player Jesse Lipetz-Robic, from Penarth PC, go through to the semi-final, having beaten Jill and Steve Brace of Wheatheaf PC 13-7.

They then went on to win against Harry and Margaret Drake of Craigiau PC 13-4 to go through to the final and play against Kon and Barbara.

The final saw some excellent shooting and pointing throughout the game; however Tansy and Jessie, who had not lost a game all day, took

the 2012 mixed pairs title with a 13-4 win.

The plate competition saw Dave Cannan and Karen Macleod from Wenvoe PC play off against Roger Griffin and Lynda Hodges, Monkestone, Pen-y-Lan, with Dave and Karen taking the title.

A special mention goes to the new players on the block from Monkestone PC Club, in Roath, Cardiff. Lynda Hodges supported her partner well in the plate, and congratulations to Vickie and Bernard Adthead, who made it through to the knock-out finals, a fantastic achievement in their first national competition. Well done!

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## Local art exhibition

**COWBRIDGE Art Society is holding its summer exhibition in the Old Hall, Cowbridge.**

It features paintings and drawings in various mediums by local artists, and is on until Thursday, June 28.

# Sully Centurions at top spot with win against Mumbles

**SULLY CENTURIONS First XI beat Mumbles in quick time to bounce back to the top of the Swalec Premier Cricket League.**

Play had to commence with only one sight screen due to the damage done by the recent winds, but this didn't seem to unduly bother either side.

Lloyd Smith won the toss and put the visitors in on a damp but fast-drying wicket. The decision looked justified when Tom Maynard bowled Brown for just nine, with only 11 runs on the board.

However, Holden and Roberts shared a stand of 62 for the second wicket, when Dan Rowe had Roberts caught at the wicket for 41.

This triggered a huge collapse, with Dave Eskins signalling his return to the first team by ripping through the Mumbles batting, with a return of 5 for 12 off eight overs, including the scalp of skipper and former Sully man Morgan Hodges for just one.

Dion Holden had stubbornly defied the Sully attack, but when he was bowled by Ryan Sylvester for 36 the end was in sight. Mike O'Shea and Tom Evison bagged the final two wickets to wrap up the Mumbles innings for 134 in the 46th over.

The Sully innings got off to the worst possible start when Ryan Sylvester was adjudged LBW off Lewis-Williams with

no runs on the board. Charlie Lowen joined Mike O'Shea and the pair took the score along to 22 when Mike was bowled by Aingworth for 17.

The visitors must have felt that a sensational comeback was on the cards, but they reckoned without Lloyd Smith.

The Centurions' skipper took the game to the Mumbles attack, peppering the boundary as the target drew ever closer. Charlie Lowen (20 not out) played a very good support role and the pair saw Sully home in the 29th over. Lloyd finished the game with a flourish, hitting a six to register the win and finish on a magnificent 94 not out.

**Final score: Sully 137/2, Mumbles 134 all out.**

## BIG DEFEAT AT MUMBLES

**AFTER last week's huge win the Second XI slumped to a defeat of similar proportions at Mumbles.**

After winning the toss, the home side decided to bat and proceeded to put the Centurion attack to the sword.

Seaton (127 not out) and Rosser (93) put on a phenomenal 185 for the first wicket, before young Reese Bennett bowled Rosser.

Seaton and Phillips added another 70 before Matthew Thomas struck with two wickets. But there was to be no further success with the ball as a total of

269 for 3 was reached after the 50 overs.

In reply, Sully lost opener Terryn Fray for just one run, with the score on four. This was just the start of the collapse – Centurions' skipper Thomas was the highest scorer with 19, as wickets began to tumble.

Brown, with 4-32, and Davies (3-12) did most of the damage, as Sully could only reach 90 – with the innings coming to a close in the 32nd over.

**Final score: Mumbles 269/3, Sully 90 all out.**

The Third and Fourth XI matches were both called off due to the weather.

## DRAMA SEES CENTURIONS THROUGH

**ON Sunday, Centurions faced Panteg in the rearranged Kingfisher Beer Cup third round at Burnham Avenue. Sully won the toss and fielded.**

The Panteg score was 126 for 6 after 31 overs when rain stopped play.

No further play was possible and a bowl out followed. All five Panteg bowlers missed with both their balls. Sully's first bowler, Richard Ready, kept his nerve and hit the stumps with his second ball to put Centurions through to the regional final at south Wiltshire next Sunday.

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# Football tournament held in Barry boy's honour is a triumph again

Teams turn out in sunshine at Buttrills Park to support three charities

A RECENT charity football tournament, called 'Dinxsy's Day' in honour of the late David 'Dinxsy' Coombs, held at the Buttrill's Field, Barry, saw 22 teams enter, and raised more than £600 for charity.

The money will be split between the three chosen charities for this year - Great Ormond Street, Cerebra and Pets Trust.

A few of the regular teams were involved in the Sully v Llantwit Cup final on the same day, which meant they were unable to attend the

tournament, but that did not detract from it.

Two girls' teams entered this year, both from Sully, and played really well, giving the boys a good run for their money. They scored a few goals, and scored more points than some of the boys' teams! Next year, it is hoped that more girls will turn up to show the boys how to play.

The weather was good for football - dry, but not too hot, although it was a bit windy, and this year we did lose the gazebo while we were erecting it. As soon as it was decided the gazebo was a no go, the wind ceased and it was calm again!

David's grandparents manned the barbecue again, and they are priceless.

In the tournament, the semi-finals saw Tumtastics v Interracials, and AFC Colcot v Eggchasers, with AFC Colcot and Tumtastics winning through to the final.

After a very close game (and after eight years of entering the tournament), the Colcot team finally won David's boot. Well done to both teams!

One of David's best friends, Craig, who has played in every tournament but never quite got the winners' medal, was unable to play this year because he had broken his leg, but he coached his team to victory and it was only fitting that Craig should be the one to have the honour of being presented with the boot.

Some of David's friends have decided to form a team in his honour and call themselves DPC United (David's initials).

They will be playing next season in the Cardiff Sunday League. They made their debut by playing their first



After finally winning the tournament at the eighth attempt, AFC Colcot celebrate with the Coombs family, who organise the tournament every year in David's honour.

game together to open this year's tournament - a friendly game with Cadroxton Imps.

Both teams played with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, qualities of David's style of play, and the score was an honourable 4-4.

All the help given was very much appreciated. Thanks also goes to the council for allowing the use of the pitches, and the wonderful referees this year were Mark Harvey, Gordon Young, Chris Harding, Anthony Partridge and, of course, David's dad Paul.

Sister Jodie brought some friends via Japan (her skiing buddies) to help on the day, and they were a tremendous help in setting up and organising the event.

David's cousin Richard Grant put up a £50 prize for the 'Crossbar Challenge', which was won by Bo Cordle, who played for the girls' team Sully Ladies, although he was no lady!

There are still some unclaimed raffle prizes, with the winning tickets as follows: orange tickets - 487, 651, 673, 693, 811, 825, and 884; pink

tickets - 81 and 89.

Call 01446 404679, or check the Facebook page 'Dinxsy's Day' to claim a prize.

David's mum, Kim Coombs, said: "We had a great day for David's tournament, another successful Dinxsy's Day. As usual, it was very well supported and enjoyed by all."

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## Cowbridge bowlers struggle with early form

COWBRIDGE lady bowlers had another week of cancelled matches - first the Queen stopped them playing on the Tuesday, then on the Friday it was their good friend the rain!

The men had a better week with two matches played thanks to a break in the weather on Wednesday and Saturday.

Unfortunately, both results were as bad as the weather.

In the Munro Cup away to Sully, they lost 98 - 50, failing on all four rinks.

The best rink was captain Dennis Snelling's rink of Clive Pritchard, Danny Powell and Alan Wallace, who were drawing at one stage 15 - 15, but lost a 3 to go down 15 - 18.

The scores were: Steve Dickson's rink lost 16 - 24; Mike Bradley's rink lost 10 - 26; and Byron Richard's rink lost 9 - 30.

In their first league match of the season away to St Albans, they lost 40 - 107. Again losing on all four rinks - sadly all by big scores.

The only rink to be close was on skip Roger Barwick's rink with Gerwyn Watkins, Rob Lewis and Guy Moreton, who lost 13 - 23; Dennis Snelling's rink lost 12 - 26; David Jones' rink lost 7 - 28; and Brian Williams' rink lost 8 - 30.

So no more points from the first league game.

At last our annual match away at Saundersfoot was played in reasonable weather on Sunday afternoon.

The result doesn't really matter - it's just a day out, and a chance for our new bowlers to play.

The best rink was on lady captain's Pat Holdsworth, who was leading 14 - 12 with a few ends to go, but lost 14 - 17.

Pat's other players were Mary Thomas, Rea Smith (a guest bowler) and Len Taylor

Other rink scores: Judy Springett's lost 8 - 41; Colin Wilson's lost 6 - 40; Dennis Snelling's lost 14 - 24; Helena Snelling's lost 17 - 23; and Byron Richard's rink lost 12 - 27.

The ladies, hopefully, play away at Pengelli in the Cowbridge Challenge Shield (ccs) on Tuesday.

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The tournament is always well supported.

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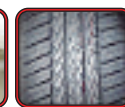
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**T**HAT'S how I sold myself to my wife! But these are also some of the reasons why farmers and builders, in particular, love their Mitsubishi L200s, I believe.

My family and I put the 2.5-litre diesel double cab Barbarian through its paces on a bank holiday trek to Dorset.

It blended into the picturesque landscape very well indeed because there are so many in this part of the world.

The Barbarian reminds me of an unforgiving Roman soldier, plainly existing to conquer. In the same way you wouldn't mess with the L200 or its siblings; the Animal or Trojan.

When driving down narrow country lanes other motorists, perhaps slightly intimidated, helpfully pull over.

Vehicles are often a reflection of their driver's personalities and I reckon those who own a Barbarian probably like getting their own way.

Put a field in its way and it'll happily climb the most arduous route. It's ideal for those who require a vehicle that

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ABOVE:  
The Mitsubishi L200

will uncomplainingly take what's thrown at it.

When confronted with a sharp muddy incline at the entrance of a field, the Barbarian, in two wheel drive mode, I hasten to add (because I forgot to change to four) made its way without issue up it.

High grass and copious amounts of mud were not a problem and baby daughter Harriett remained peaceful in her car seat in the rear thanks to the suspension soaking up the bumps.

This double cab version is ideal for families in a way that the standard version, which accommodates two adults, is not.

Yes, the diesel engine can be a little raucous and the auto box a little indecisive but this adds to its charm. When slowing down, using cruise control, the gears

seem to fight against it, preferring to travel faster. Two or four wheel drive modes can be selected manually by the gear stick next to the auto box.

The uncomplicated interior and plastic door inserts are ideal for mucky farmers and ham-fisted builders, as it's easy to wipe away mud and grime.

The comfy leather seats are also robust and hardwearing.

A cavernous covered rear in the test model is ideally suited to transporting livestock, cumbersome building materials or, as in our case, lots of luggage. The carpeted interior is affixed with Velcro for easy removal. I also like the hardwearing chrome bumpers front and rear.

Parking in Lyme Regis is a nightmare at the best of times and the

L200 really comes into its own in such situations, because you can literally create your own space by parking on grass verges. It'll drive over mini roundabouts without noticing, too.

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# Mixed results for the Llantwit Bowls Club.

**LLANTWIT had a successful game of bowls in the Munro Cup - defeating Dinas Powys by 69-55.**

Graham Jones' rink were 11 shots down before they got onto the scoreboard. However, after this, Dinas were only allowed to score a further three shots while Llantwit replied with 21. Danny Ahearn's rink started well. They were nine shots up after five ends, and dominated throughout, winning comfortably by 16 shots.

Steve Booker's rink led at the start. They then went behind on the third end, pulling back on the 13th to draw level, only to lose a close game by two shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink, after conceding three shots on the third end, were always in arrears, only picking up the odd shot now and then, while Dinas Powys picked up five shots on the eighth end to finish off any hope of Llantwit making a comeback.

**Rink scores:** GJ 21-14, DA 25-9, SB 12-14, CH 11-18.

Llantwit then visited Grange (Cardiff) for their first league game of the season, coming away with a 80-66 win.

Charles Hiscock's rink took the honours with the most emphatic

win, despite being down on the eighth end.

Llantwit picked up a couple of four counts, as well as three counts of three, to win by 14.

Graham Jones' rink forged ahead to be eight shots up after eight ends, with Dave Post making his league debut and having a storming game.

Grange came back at them, scoring a six shot count on the 15th end to take the lead, but Llantwit regained the lead on the 17th, and they held on to win by one shot.

Neville Young's rink also started well - taking a nine shot lead after

nine ends. They were stuck on the same score for seven ends, losing the lead for the first time on the 16th end.

Then, some good bowls by Llantwit's four players on the final four ends saw them home by six shots.

Steve Booker's rink were always behind against a strong Grange rink, although they fought back to draw level on the 14th end. However, they were only able to score another two shots.

**Rink scores:** CH 26-12, GJ 19-18, NY 21-15, SB 14-21.

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## WALES MUST LEARN WALLABY LESSON – AND UP THE PACE!

**D**ESPITE the usual pre-match media hype that fanned expectations, Wales went into the first of their three tour tests in Brisbane on Saturday, knowing that if past statistics were any guide, the odds were firmly stacked against them.

After all, Australia had won 21 of the 32 encounters since 1908, and Wales just 10, with one match drawn. The prolific men in gold had rattled up a total of 748 points to 463 against – and in their last 12 meetings, Wales had managed to scrape just two wins – both in Cardiff during the Grand Slam years 2005 (24-22) and 2008 (21-18).

The 2012 Grand Slam champions were hoping that would be a happy omen, particularly in light of fellow tourists Scotland's surprise 9-6 victory over the hosts, in foul weather conditions, four days earlier.

The scale of the task, though, lay in the sobering fact that a Welsh team had last triumphed in the land of Oz a staggering 43 years ago – on January 21, 1969, when young players who were soon to become known to the rugby world simply as JPR, Gerald, Barry, Gareth, Merv et al, battled to a narrow 19-16 win.

Mind you, it is doubtful if such thoughts weighed too heavily on the young class of 2012. If anything, they would have been buoyed more by the Welsh under-20s' heartening 9-6 win over the all-conquering 'baby All Blacks' the day before, as the seniors prepared to face a wounded Australian side showing no fewer than nine changes from the one that had lost to the Scots.

Word from the Welsh camp was that they were determined to take advantage of the anger and criticism whipped up in the Australian press at that affront to national sporting pride, and would pile the pressure on their under-fire opponents from the kick-off; knowing that they had a supreme opportunity to at last claim a coveted Tri-Nations scalp, and continue Welsh rugby's renaissance. They also knew that the first quarter of an hour could be key.

Alas, though, their resolve lasted only as long as the opening blast of the referee's whistle – instead, it was the fired-up Wallabies who were



Alex Cuthbert goes over for a try that showed what Wales were capable of, but also underlined the golden opportunity missed in the first Test.

Left: a purposeful Welsh attack, but we needed more of the same.



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first into action, roaring out of the starting blocks like men on a mission.

Wales, in contrast, seemed strangely sluggish and off the pace, seemingly taken aback by the urgency and speed of typically potent Australian play that had them backpedalling in desperate defence.

This led to them conceding a penalty in front of their posts, which was slotted over by out-side half Berwick Barnes, who then converted a try by bearded back-row man, Scott Higginbotham, to make the score 10-0 in just 17 minutes.

The reliable Leigh Halfpenny reduced the arrears with a calmly-taken penalty, but in truth, it was merely a respite from the overwhelming pressure being exerted on an embattled Welsh side that struggled to come to terms with the pace and physical onslaught.

Upfront, the set-pieces were holding firm (led yet again, by that irreplaceable lynchpin, Adam Jones) but the Welsh forwards were being out-muscled and outwitted in the ruck and tackle area, where man-of-the-match Wallaby skipper, David Pocock, was tireless in his efforts (both legal and non-legal!) to win

the ball.

Defence coach Shaun Edwards was correct to draw attention to the confusion caused by different interpretations of the laws of the game; for example, at the breakdown, in the southern hemisphere.

As has been noted here in the past, to allow a tackled player to blatantly interfere with play, instead of immediately rolling away, is beyond belief, and hardly conducive to a level playing field, particularly when aggravated by inconsistent refereeing!

That said, no-one can argue that more clinical Australia were the better side, despite a spirited Welsh comeback in a second half, that saw them spurn golden opportunities – after the half had begun as badly as the first, with a scything run to the posts by Wallaby danger man, scrum half Will Genia.

His touchdown was converted by Barnes, and was almost immediately followed by a second penalty from Halfpenny – but Barnes then widened the gap to 20-6 with a snap drop goal.

The cool Halfpenny stepped up to narrow it again with a penalty and Wales suddenly came to life, with impressive wing Alex Cuthbert

rounding off an excellent move with a try converted by Halfpenny, who promptly added another penalty.

Incredibly, the Welsh fight-back had taken them to within a point of the Wallabies' score at 20-19, and with 20 minutes to go and Australia clearly tiring, there was a fleeting hope that famous Welsh fitness levels would prevail.

However, this was dashed by an influx of fresh legs from the bench, and a powerful run to the posts by centre Pat McCabe, whose try was converted by Barnes, to make the final score 27-19.

Wales were left licking their wounds and knowing that they will have to substantially raise the pace and precision of their game to save the series, when they line up for the second test in Melbourne on Saturday.

Above all, they cannot afford to be 'caught cold' again and will need to hit the ground running from the outset.

It remains to be seen if Tuesday's 25-15 win against the ACT Brumbies in Canberra will now re-focus Welsh minds after their first test wake-up call.

The suspicion remains that this Australian side is still there for the taking – provided the lessons have been learned!

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## Mixed results for Dinas Powys Bowls Club

**DINAS POWYS' first team had a disappointing start to their Private Greens Division 1 campaign with two defeats.**

Their opening fixture against Barry Athletic was a one sided affair. They came away with no points for their endeavours, losing on all four rinks to an in-form Barry Athletic side.

Behind from the start, Dinas could not improve on their deficit of -10 shots after five ends. By 15 ends they were -24 shots, by 18 ends -27, and by the finish -42 (47-89).

Dinas rink scores: D Parker, M Edwards, P Critcher, R Jones: 13-23; G White, C Parsons, G Griffiths, N Leigh: 14-23; C Scott, A Desrosiers, C Todd, M Ackland: 5-24; A Harvey, G Parr, R Osbourne, A Meddins 15-19.

In contrast, back at Dinas, the Second side hosted Barry Athletic Seconds and gained a deserved four-shot victory, winning on three rinks with a 12-point to two-point victory.

A slow start by Dinas saw them behind by nine shots after five ends, but with good bowling across the board, they leaped ahead by 10 ends with a seven-shot margin.

Dinas never let go of the lead from then on,

and despite a solid last three ends by the Athletic to cut the lead to four shots, Dinas secured a fine 12 points to two victory (86-82).

Dinas rink scores: D James, J Coles, B Critcher, J Porter: 13-21; R Parker, M Seaford, D Ireland, C Bates: 23-20; L Peters, G Welch, T Hurcom, A Jones: 25-23; M Diment, A Locker, P Marks, N Giles: 25-18.

Last Saturday, Dinas First side hosted a strong Penylan side, and were again slow to start, and by five ends were facing a 19-shot deficit. They rallied well and by 10 ends had cut the deficit to six shots.

A strong response by Penylan saw them surge to a 23-shot lead by 15 ends.

Despite a spirited last six ends, Dinas could only reduce the deficit to -8 by the close, ending the game 72 shots to 81, but picking up four valuable points.

Dinas rink scores: D Parker, M Edwards, P Critcher, R Jones: 17-16; G White, C Parsons, G Griffiths, C Todd: 14-22; C Scott, A Desrosiers, D Vowles, M Ackland: 21-20; A Harvey, G Parr, R Osbourne, A Meddins: 21 - 23.

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## Two trophies cause scrum at Barry RFC!

**THERE was a massive scrum at a presentation morning for young players at Barry Rugby Club after the Vale Council's rugby development officer Matt Silva turned up with two special guests.**

The mini and junior players went crazy when they saw that Matt had brought Wales' Triple Crown and RBS Six Nations trophies with him, and the children were all keen to get their hands on the prized pieces of silverware!

Matt said: "The trophies have been touring the country, and this was an amazing chance for young rugby fans in Barry to get up close to see them and get some priceless photos taken with the trophies."

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